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Family Café



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ON DISABILITIES

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RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR



June 6, 2014

Dear Family Café Attendees:

Welcome to the 16th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities. It is my goal for every Floridian to have the opportunity to find a job and live their version of the American dream. I am committed to supporting families' efforts to help their loved ones find jobs by increasing opportunities for job training skills for individuals with disabilities.

For the first time in eight years, thanks to the Florida Legislature's support of my recommendation last year, individuals who had been on the waiting list are now able to enroll in the APD Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid waiver and receive services in their local communities. Last year, we committed \$36 million to serve 750 customers, and we learned in December that our investment may help more people. We are able to offer services to more than half of the individuals on the waiting list – approximately 1,600 individuals – who have critical needs. These families can now receive services to improve their quality of life and provide their loved ones with greater skills so they can find a job.

Additionally, I have more good news to share with you related to the 2014-2015 budget for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. I have recommended in my *'IT'S YOUR MONEY Tax Cut Budget'* that \$20 million be included in APD's budget to serve more than 1,000 people with critical needs on the waiting list. This financial commitment will meet the needs of all those who have been waiting with critical needs next year.

Our state agencies are also working together to encourage more employers to hire citizens with disabilities. To ensure all Floridians are able to pursue their dreams, we are making Florida the No. 1 place for businesses to succeed, keeping the cost of living low for families and businesses, and making sure our schools prepare students for the career or college of their dreams. As a result, we are building an opportunity economy where dynamic, growing industries create jobs and careers for generations to come.

Thank you for all you are doing to help Floridians with disabilities grow and prosper in their own communities. I wish you a successful and informative conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

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The 16th Annual Family Café

Dear Family Café Attendees,

Welcome to Orlando and The Family Café's "Sweet Sixteen," The 16th Annual Family Café!

The Annual Family Café is a three-day statewide event that has been meeting the need for information and networking among people with disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families here in Florida since 1998. The Family Café Planning Committee, which is comprised of self-advocates, family members, fellow non-profits and state agency partners, plays a central role in planning The Annual Family Café. It is our mission to provide you and your family with an opportunity for Collaboration, Advocacy, Friendship and Empowerment in a family-centered environment!

We are excited to return to the Hilton Orlando for the third consecutive year. We hope you have an opportunity to take advantage of everything the hotel has available for its guests, including the wide variety of dining options, the zero-entry pool and the Lazy River that will host Sunday's Rubber Duck Race.

This year's Family Café promises to be another exciting, informative and action-packed event. Once again it will include a wide range of breakout sessions on a number of subjects, with a number of those sessions organized into "tracks." They include Military Families, Smart Money, Mental Health, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Advocacy, Youth, Recreation, and Birth to Age Five. The tracked sessions are indicated by special graphics in the program.

We are also excited to have a full Exhibit Hall with dozens of booths this year. Friday in the Exhibit Hall will feature an Employment Expo, where attendees can sharpen their job search skills. The Exhibit Hall also features a host of self-advocate owned and operated Micro-Enterprises, so please plan on showing your support for their efforts by visiting their booths.

This year's Annual Family Café includes a great series of Keynotes and special events, including an appearance by NFL great Dan Marino. Friday will feature Florida Surgeon General John Armstrong getting the event off to a healthy start as he shares his vision for Florida's public health. Friday evening will begin with football legend and disability advocate Dan Marino. He will be followed by Tonier Cain, who will share her story of surviving a life of trauma to become an inspiring example of hope, resiliency and recovery. On Sunday, disability advocate and comedian Zach Anner will tell the story of his experience winning Oprah Winfrey's "Your Own Show: Oprah's Search for the Next T.V. Star" and attaining success in the competitive business of entertainment.

We also have a great Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities planned for Saturday morning, with Governor Scott on hand to engage in a conversation about Florida's public policies on disability issues. Joining him will be State Senator Bill Galvano, along with representatives of the various State Agencies that serve people with disabilities.

There's a lot going on this weekend, and we sincerely hope that your participation in The 16th Annual Family Café leaves you feeling informed, educated and empowered. And as always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Yours,
The Family Café Planning Committee

June 6, 2014

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Dear Annual Family Café Attendee:

Welcome to the Sweet 16th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities in Orlando. On behalf of Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I want to encourage you to make the most of this conference with the wonderful educational opportunities that are provided.

Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities is committed to helping people with developmental disabilities live, learn, and work in their communities. The agency serves about 50,000 people with spina bifida, autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and Prader-Willi syndrome.

The Family Café offers people with disabilities and their families a welcoming environment to educate themselves about organizations and resources that are available in Florida to meet their needs. Families and organizations must work together to come up with solutions to meet everyone's needs. APD has an online Resource Directory at APDcares.org which may offer solutions when government resources are not available. Stop by the APD booth for more details.

Throughout this conference, you will have opportunities to share your challenges, experiences, and solutions. There will be providers and exhibitors that may have valuable information to benefit you, so take advantage of this educational atmosphere at this conference. Again, I hope you enjoy your time at the conference!

Sincerely,

Barbara Palmer
Barbara Palmer
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June 2014

Dear Family Café Participants:

On behalf of the Department of Children and Families, it is my honor to welcome you to the 16th annual Family Café. Over the next few days, you have the chance to learn and gain valuable resources about the latest programs and supports available to Floridians with disabilities, and their families. You also have an opportunity to participate in fun family activities, and socialize with people around the state.

As an organization, the Family Café has brought families together to identify resources, network with each other and positively impact Florida's system of care. The annual conference has become a Florida institution since its beginning in 1998.

Our state's greatest success comes from a community that participates in the conversation, and the Family Café has been an integral part of both being, and helping, to find the voice for individuals with disabilities, and their families. The Department has been proud to partner with the Family Café, and the implementation of your mission.

The Family Café has made great strides in shaping Florida's system of care, by involving families, partnering successfully with the Department and other agencies and disseminating resources regarding children's needs.

Best wishes for a successful and productive event.

Sincerely,

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April 1, 2014

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 16th Annual Family Café. The Agency for Health Care Administration is honored once again to participate in this event. The event provides a wonderful opportunity to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families through an array of informative educational sessions.

Our Agency staff looks forward to participating in this event each year and sharing new information or providing updates on the Medicaid program. Please take the opportunity to participate in our workshop on Medicaid Managed Care and the Developmental Disability Waiver and stop by our event booth to obtain valuable information.

On behalf of the Agency for Health Care Administration, I welcome you and your family to the 16th Annual Family Café.

Sincerely,

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April 7, 2014

RE: 16th Annual Family Café event in Orlando Florida
Dear Family Café Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 16th Annual Family Café Conference in Orlando, Florida! CareerSource Florida is excited to once again participate in this dynamic, information-packed event that showcases employment opportunities and many other resources for people with disabilities and their families.

CareerSource Florida is the business-led workforce policy and investment board that designs strategies to address statewide workforce needs. In addition to the state board, the CareerSource Florida network includes 24 regional workforce boards that oversee nearly 100 career centers where job seekers and employers can go for recruiting, employment and training assistance. With a focused team of professionals, we are dedicated to helping all job seekers connect with opportunities and job success.

We hope to see you at one or more of our workshops – "Unlock the Doors to Employment: Keys Available through Your CareerSource Florida Network," "Disabled Veterans Job Club Forum" and "An Employer's Perspective: What You Need to Know to Get Hired." Please make time to visit our Mobile Career Center, with a full array of resources to help you or your family members find that perfect job.

Throughout this conference, you will have opportunities to speak with service providers, exhibitors, employers and others about available opportunities. We hope you will make the most of your time with us and enjoy the Sunshine State!

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June 6, 2014

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 16th Annual Family Café Conference and Summit on Disabilities! This year's conference has brought together a wide array of information and resources from exhibitors, microenterprises, presenters, fellow parents and individuals with disabilities. You will find personnel from the Florida Department of Education and its sponsored projects here to present on education, employment, school choice and transition topics. They will also be available at exhibit tables to answer additional questions you might have.

Family Café is one of the many ways we assist parents to be more involved in their child's education and help students with disabilities in determining their future. We hope over the next three days you will find opportunities to make new friendships, as well as find new information and resources you can take back home with you.

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Dear Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), I would like to welcome you to the "Sweet Sixteen" 16th Annual Family Café. Congratulations to the Family Café for reaching this impressive milestone!

Let me tell you a little bit about VR. VR is a federal/state program that works with people who have physical or mental disabilities to help them get or keep a job. VR is the state's employment agency for people with disabilities, and we are committed to helping them find meaningful careers.

At the Family Café, you'll have an opportunity to learn about the different programs and services available statewide to people with disabilities and their families, including VR. We hope you find this information useful and helpful in your daily life.

Our staff will be making presentations throughout the conference about the different programs VR offers, including our School-to-Work transition program, Supported Employment, and Ticket to Work through the Social Security Administration. We also have a booth where you can talk to a VR counselor and learn more about VR.

This year's conference promises to be among the most exciting yet - I know you'll enjoy it!

Sincerely,

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June 6, 2014.

Dear Family Café Participant:

As the State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Department of Health, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 16th Annual Family Café Conference. The coming days will be filled with exciting opportunities for you to learn about new resources while connecting with other families and community partners across Florida. There will be educational sessions, informative exhibits and fun family activities. I look forward to sharing with you the progress we are making together to become the healthiest state in the nation.

Over the years, the Family Café has built numerous partnerships with state agencies including the Department of Education, Department of Children and Families, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Health. During the conference, you will learn how the diverse programs offered by the Department of Health support Floridians with disabilities and special health care needs. By delivering quality public health services to communities, we work to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Learn more about the Florida Department of Health by visiting us online at <http://floridashhealth.com>.

Best wishes for a great conference!

Sincerely,

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April 8, 2014

Dear Family Café Attendees:

The Division of Emergency Management supports the work of The Family Café through our partnership in family disaster preparedness. The Division's mission is to work with individuals, families, and businesses to prepare for disasters, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against future disasters.

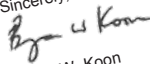
It is imperative for those with disabilities or special health care needs to have a plan in place and know what they would need in the event of a disaster. The information presented during the 16th annual Family Café event helps us fulfill this mission.

I encourage you to explore all the valuable information available during this event and take steps at home to apply these tips to your everyday life, especially in preparing for disasters. Be sure to register yourself or your family member who may need additional assistance responding to an evacuation order or sheltering during a disaster. You can find additional resources on the Florida Division of Emergency Management's website at www.FloridaDisaster.org.

Children are encouraged to play a role in disaster planning. The Division continues to expand our children's program Kids Get a Plan with new online games and educational books. Go to www.KidsGetAPlan.com to build a disaster supply kit, a family emergency plan, and to learn how to mitigate against disasters.

Working together we can help ALL Floridians Get A Plan!, and make Florida the best state in the nation to work, live and play.

Sincerely,



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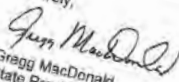
Dear Family Café Friends and Conference Participants,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 16th Annual Family Café Conference and Summit on Disabilities. This is WellCare Health Plan's seventh year serving as a key sponsor of this important event, and I am honored to have my company and its associates once again join you and thousands of Floridians to share life-improving resources and information.

WellCare and our Staywell Health Plan have been serving Floridians for more than 28 years, and a significant number of our Medicaid and Medicare members are people with disabilities. Over the years, we have developed an understanding of the needs and unique challenges faced by the disability community. We have also come to understand the ABILITIES this community has to offer to our company and the broader society. Because of this, we are deeply committed to participating in events and activities that support people with disabilities, and to being a driving force in highlighting the talent that lies within this community. In fact, by partnering with disability training and work placement organizations, we are educating other companies about the value people with disabilities can bring to an organization, and recently grew our team of associates with disabilities in career-level jobs sixfold. And, we will continue our efforts to grow this number.

Our passion is exemplified by the many WellCare associates who will be traveling from all parts of Florida with their families and friends to help make this year's conference a success. You will recognize them by their WellCare shirts, and you will see them working at the registration desk, serving as hallway guides and room monitors, leading family activities, hosting breakout sessions and providing important health information. We also have one of our associates making a presentation on consumer self-determination. Their focus will be on assisting you, so please do not hesitate to ask them for help. We look forward to meeting you and to helping make this year's conference the best one yet.

Sincerely,



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Recreation



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Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

Employment Expo, Orange Ballroom

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Opening Session & Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Registration Open, Convention Registration

Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup, Orlando VI (English and Spanish)

ESE Parent Survey Polling Stations, Lower Level Foyer

Dental Screening, Exhibit Hall

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Human Trafficking: Know the Signs of a Victim

Lake Concord A

Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies:

Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Lake Concord B

Back to School: Have You Thought About Going to College?

Lake Down B

Quality Services – What You Should Know About Your Service Providers

Lake Eola A

Writing a Book and Getting It Published

Lake Eola B

Navigating College with a Disability

Lake Florence A



Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olympics

Lake Florence B

Fair Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Their Families

Lake George A

Apps to Assist with Independent Living Skills and Employment

Lake George B

Bridging Opportunities for Individuals with ID/DD and Their Families Through Managed Care

Lake Hart A



Living Your Life

Lake Hart B

Disability and Sexuality: An Overview from Self-Advocates on Dating, Marriage, and Parenthood with a Disability

Lake Highland A



NAMI Family-to-Family

Lake Highland B



Do I Have Rights? Yes, You Do!

Lake Louise B

Making a Choice

Lake Lucerne



Advocacy Skills and Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Lake Mizell A



Life Planning for Special Needs

Lake Mizell B



Come and Chat with The Florida Youth Council

Lake Monroe A

Changing Expectations for Transition-Aged Youth with Disabilities: The Route to Success!

Lake Monroe B



An Autistic Champion

Lake Nona A



Tips for a Successful PCS Move

Lake Nona B

Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Lake Sheen A



Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Lake Sheen B

Ageing in Place – Accessibility and Mobility Features for the Home

Lake Virginia A

IEP Process-Dads at the Table

Lake Virginia B



Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup

Orlando IV & V

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Special People, Special Planning: Creating a Safe Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs

Lake Concord A





Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Lake Concord B

Partners in Policymaking May Be For You!

Lake Down A



Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training (SALT)

Lake Down B

The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Lake Eola A

I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now

Lake Eola B

Living in the Community: Inclusive Housing Options for Floridians with Disabilities

Lake Florence A



Rish Park – Paradise Around the Corner

Lake Florence B



Never Say Never: Yes You Can Be Employed!

Lake George A

The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

Lake George B



How to Use Books to Improve Language in Children Under 3 Years of Age

Lake Hart A



A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Lake Hart B

The Florida Consortium on Postsecondary Education and Intellectual Disabilities: Building Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Lake Highland A



Delegate Roundtable: Mental Health

Lake Highland B

Living with a Disability: Anything is Possible

Lake Louise A



Restraint and Seclusion: What's New in the Law, and How Can I Protect My Child?

Lake Louise B

The Novel Natural Flavone Tetramethoxyluteolin Inhibits Immune Mechanisms Contributing to Autism

Lake Mizell A



The ABC's and 123's of SNT's (Special Needs Trusts)

Lake Mizell B



Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Lake Monroe A



The Challenge of Transition: Things to Know About Life After High School

Lake Monroe B



Strategies for Communicating About IEP's

Lake Nona B

Epilepsy, Seizures, and Disabilities

Lake Sheen A



Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Lake Sheen B

Connecting to Your Child's Technological Life: Internet and Social Media Safety

Lake Virginia A

Dadvocates

Lake Virginia B



Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup

Orlando IV & V



Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics Quiet Pool

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Lu'Musik & Healing Arts for Whole Brain Health

Lake Concord A



Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering: Special Needs Shelters and You

Lake Concord B

Partners In Policymaking Graduates: Improving the Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities

Lake Down A

Traveling By Air as a Person with a Disability

Lake Down B



Increasing Successful Employment Outcomes

Lake Eola A

Achieving YOUR Goals – Perseverance, Determination, and a Little Help from iBudget Florida

Lake Eola B

High School Language Therapy – It's Not Too Late!

Lake Florence A



Next Chapter: Recreation!

Lake Florence B

Bread and Butter Applications in Balance: How to Improve Vision, Body Awareness, and Coordination

Lake George A

Obtaining Accommodations in Employment, Educational, Medical, and Housing Settings

Lake George B



Logging Your Journey: Getting Organized and Communicating Effectively to Maximize Your Child's Potential

Lake Hart A



An Employer's Perspective: What You Need to Know to Get Hired

Lake Hart B

The Parent-Teacher Connection – What's That?

Lake Highland A



School-Based Mental Health Resources and Systems of Support

Lake Highland B

Keeping the Behaviorally Challenged Student in School Learning

Lake Louise B

Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Lake Lucerne

Fibromyalgia: Two Novel Triggers Implicate the Immune and Nervous Systems, and Are Inhibited by the Natural Flavones Luteolin

Lake Mizell A



Money Smart

Lake Mizell B



Education and Life After High School

Lake Monroe A

Coming Together as a Team: Lessons Learned from Both Sides of the IEP Table

Lake Monroe B

Just for Dads

Lake Nona A



Florida KidCare and Special Populations: A Special Focus on Military Families in Florida

Lake Nona B



Sibling Advocacy: The New Advocacy Movement

Lake Sheen A



Learning Vital Employment Skills on the Job and Through Virtual Reality

Lake Sheen B

Tips for Parenting Your Preschool and School-Aged Children

Lake Virginia A



What Now? A Proactive Approach to Our Role As a Parent of a Child With Special Needs
Lake Virginia B

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf**, Hospitality Suite 912
5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Evening Keynote, Featuring Dan Marino and Tonier Cain**, Orlando Ballroom

Saturday, June 7, 2014

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**, Orange Ballroom
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **The 16th Annual Summit on Disabilities hosted by Governor Rick Scott**, Orlando Ballroom
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Dental Screening**, Exhibit Hall
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf**, Hospitality Suite 912
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Rock Climbing Wall**, Promenade
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Celebration of Life: Experiencing the Healing Power of Love**, Orlando IV
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **ESE Parent Survey Polling Stations**, Lower Level Foyer
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Delegate Roundtable: Spina Bifida

Lake Concord A

Keeping Children and Youth with Autism and Other Disabilities Safe from Unintentional Injuries

Lake Concord B

Navigating the IEP Process

Lake Down B

Meet APD Director Palmer

Lake Eola B

Orthopaedic Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy

Lake Florence A

Recreation for People of All Abilities: Who? What? Where? Why? How???

Lake Florence B

Say Cheese! 4-H Photography

Lake George A

Survey of Animal-Assisted Therapies for Balance and Sensory Integration Awareness Techniques

Lake George B

Accessing Resources and Understanding Systems

Lake Hart A

How Are My Child's Needs Met in the Classroom: Common Core Knowledge; ¿Como son necesidades de mi hijo está cumpliendo en el aula?

Lake Hart B

Cradle to Grave – Special Needs

Lake Highland A

Trauma and Disabilities

Lake Highland B










How to Start and Run a Successful Self-Advocacy Group

Lake Louise B

Care Coordination: Florida Health's Children's Medical Services Network

Lake Lucerne

















-  **Advocating for Students with Invisible Disabilities**
Lake Mizell A
-  **Benefits and Tax Savings for Families with Special Needs**
Lake Mizell B
-  **Living in the Real World**
Lake Monroe A
-  **Building Communication: Enhance Family Relationships through the Family Meeting**
Lake Monroe B
-  **Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children**
Lake Nona B
-  **Sign Language Myth-Busting**
Lake Sheen A
-  **School-to-Work Transition for Children with Disabilities**
Lake Sheen B
-  **Creating an Environment That Can Increase Your Child's Success**
Lake Virginia A
-  **Assistive Technology**
Lake Virginia B

- 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Early Steps Playgroup**, Orlando VI
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Orlando V

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

-  **Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS): Recent Advancements in the Past Year**
Lake Concord A
-  **Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness**
Lake Concord B
-  **What is Bilateral Brain Stimulation and How Can it Assist People With Disabilities As Well As Their Families?**
Lake Down A
-  **Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do**
Lake Down B
-  **Unlock the Doors to Employment: Keys Available Through Your CareerSource Network**
Lake Eola A
-  **Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education**
Lake Eola B
-  **Effective Interventions for Children with Cerebral Palsy: Part I**
Lake Florence A
-  **Let's Have Fun! Create Your Own Games**
Lake Florence B
-  **Say Cheese! 4-H Photography**
Lake George A
-  **Dream Big, It's Your Life! Tips for Self-Determination and Transition**
Lake George B
-  **Married with Special Needs (The Early Years)**
Lake Hart A
-  **God Created Me Too**
Lake Hart B
-  **Enhancing Lives Through Assistive Services and Technology**
Lake Highland A
-  **Ask a Therapist**
Lake Highland B

The Anime Connection: How Japanese Anime and Comics Can Be Used to Teach Disability Awareness

Lake Louise B

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Lake Lucerne



DIVAbility: Our New Way of Creating Independence, Happiness, and Perspective with Disability

Lake Mizell A



Provide for Your Child and Plan for Retirement? Not Impossible!

Lake Mizell B



Sailing Through Transition

Lake Monroe B

Sibshops

Lake Nona A



Inspiration and Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Lake Nona B

Strengthening Your Core: Building Vocabulary Muscles for Stability and Independence

Lake Sheen A



Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Lake Sheen B

What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

Lake Virginia A



When the Team Can't Come to Consensus, What's Next?

Lake Virginia B



Early Steps Playgroup

Orlando VI

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Children's Storyteller, Orlando V

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Healthy Living: Getting Fit for Medical Appointments

Lake Concord A



Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Lake Concord B

What Technology Tools Can Be Used to Help Your Child to Think Critically?

Lake Down A

New Horizon Loan Program

Lake Down B

Meet Robert L. Doyle, III, Director, Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education

Lake Eola A

What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

Lake Eola B

Effective Interventions for Children with Cerebral Palsy: Part II

Lake Florence A





Don't Dis My Abilities

Lake Florence B

What is 4-H?

Lake George A

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Lake George B



Recycled Toy Ideas and High Tech Tools for Infants and Toddlers

Lake Hart A

Questions I Ask Myself

Lake Hart B

Sugar Blues

Lake Highland A

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services

Lake Highland B

How to Get the Best Services for You

Lake Louise B

Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Lake Lucerne



Early Steps Baker's Rack

Lake Mizell A



LifePlanning@: Offering Peace of Mind Through Future Planning

Lake Mizell B



Advocates Unite!

Lake Monroe A



Micro-Enterprise Transition: The Road to Work

Lake Monroe B

Sibshops

Lake Nona A



Kids Connect!

Lake Nona B



ABCs of PBS: Understanding and Addressing Children's Behavioral Concerns

Lake Sheen A



Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Lake Sheen B

Shining Through Your Challenge: Finding the Positive in the Negative

Lake Virginia A

Transition Individual Education Planning: Yes There is Life After High School, and What to Expect

Lake Virginia B

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**



Let's Just Do It!

Lake Concord A



Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering for Children with Special Needs: Special Needs Shelters and You

Lake Concord B

IEP Rights – Instructional Manual for Dads

Lake Down A

Gulf Coast Regional Demonstration Center

Lake Down B

Empowerment Session for Women: Pitiful or Powerful ... You Can't Choose Both—How Do You Rate?

Lake Eola A





Disabled Veterans Job Club Forum

Lake Eola B

The Importance of Early Assisted Mobility in Children with Disabilities

Lake Florence A

Broken to Competitor: Dare to Dream

Lake Florence B

The John McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Lake George A

Self-Advocacy 101

Lake George B



Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Lake Hart A

Life Lessons: Seven Keys to Unlock Your Child's Potential

Lake Hart B



Service Dogs in School: What Does the Law Say?

Lake Highland A

Airport Backstage Pass

Lake Highland B

Vision Awareness – Do You See What I See?

Lake Louise B

And Then Comes the Baby Carriage ... Pregnancy and Parenting with a Disability

Lake Mizell A



Special Needs: Estate Planning and Practical Considerations

Lake Mizell B



It's All About Social Interaction (Youth Only)

Lake Monroe A



SABE Region 6 Represent

Lake Monroe B



Resources for Military Families

Lake Nona B

Sibling Perspective Panel—Growing Up with a Sibling with Special Needs—Tips on How to Have a Closer Family Bond

Lake Sheen A



Understanding School-to-Work: Vocational Rehabilitation Updates

Lake Sheen B

How to Be a Professional When You Have a Child with Special Needs

Lake Virginia A

Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

Lake Virginia B



Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics Quiet Pool

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dads' Chat, Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf Hospitality Suite 912

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moms' Chat, Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf Hospitality Suite 975

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Compartiendo en Familia! Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf, Hospitality Suite 957

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Family Café Photo Booth, Orlando Ballroom

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show Orlando Ballroom

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Rubber Duck Race, Lazy River

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closing and Door Prizes, Orlando Ballroom





Friday, June 6, 2014
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



A New Day in Public Health

John H. Armstrong, MD, State Surgeon General and Secretary for the Florida Department of Health, has been a national leader in health policy and advocacy for over 20 years. Under Dr. Armstrong's leadership, the Florida Department of Health works to ensure all Floridians have access to the resources and services they need to lead healthy lives. By focusing the Department's vision to make Florida the healthiest state in the nation, he inspires efforts including partnerships that promote the health of all people in Florida and advocates for children, adults and families managing disabilities and special health needs.

Dr. Armstrong's message will focus on the importance of healthy weight as a key factor in overall health and well-being. His address will emphasize the importance of reshaping environments to make healthy choices easier. Through integrated state, county and community efforts, Florida can become the healthiest state in the nation!

- 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**, Orange Ballroom
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Employment Expo**, Orange Ballroom
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Registration Open**, Convention Registration
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Dental Screening**, Exhibit Hall
- 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **ESE Parent Survey Polling Stations**, Lower Level Foyer
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Evening Keynote, Featuring Dan Marino and Tonier Cain**, Orlando Ballroom



Employment Expo

Friday, June 6
10:00-6:00
Orange Ballroom

Be sure to visit our Employment Expo, where representatives of businesses and agencies that promote employment for people with disabilities will be on hand to help attendees sharpen their resumes, get advice on how to present themselves to prospective employers, and get connected with job opportunities.

ESE Parent Survey Polling Stations

Friday, June 6
1:30-5:30
Lower Level Foyer

We are excited to announce the addition of an ESE Parent Survey polling station at The 16th Annual Family Café. This polling station is in conjunction with the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services and The Family Café.

The polling station, located in the lower level foyer, will house laptops that are set up with an online parent survey. This survey is designed to gather input from parents and caregivers of Florida public school students who have a disability and receive exceptional education services. The survey is confidential and brief, only 25 multiple-choice questions. The information gathered from the survey will be used to help districts improve their services to parents.

So if you are a parent or caregiver of a Florida public school student who receives these services, please be sure to stop by and take the survey. Your input is important!

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**Human Trafficking: Know the Signs of a Victim**

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Concord A

Human Trafficking is modern-day slavery and it's happening right here in the United States. Human Trafficking is one of the most lucrative and fastest growing organized crimes in the world. According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), Florida is ranked third in the nation for potential Human Trafficking cases. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities presents a training on what Human Trafficking is, how to identify a victim of Human Trafficking, and how you can make a difference in your community. Together, we can fight against this horrific crime.

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**Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness**

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Concord B

This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster. It will also address what they need to put in their disaster to-go kit.

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Back to School: Have You Thought About Going to College?

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Down B

Being a member of the disability community can be challenging, frustrating, inspiring, and full of lessons, but there is no degree for all that education. When my son with a disability was ten-years-old, I returned to the classroom as a student with a new fervor to study. As an instructor and as a student, I want to engage in a conversation about going back to college, what it takes, resources available, and ways to reach college goals for both adults with disabilities and parents of kids with disabilities. If you are interested in going back to school, this is the breakout session for you!

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Quality Services – What You Should Know About Your Service Providers Friday, June 6

1:30-2:30
 Lake Eola A

This presentation will be interactive and include a summary of information regarding service provider requirements under the iBudget Florida waiver. Presenters will provide tools and information on how to evaluate your service providers. Participants will be asked to share their thoughts and suggestions on what has worked for them in ensuring the service providers are meeting their expectations. Suggestions from participants on how to improve the current service system quality measures will also be discussed.

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Writing a Book and Getting It Published

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Eola B

Author Mark Horowitz details his experience writing and publishing his book *I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now: A Guide for Special Needs Parents*. You will learn the challenges of writing a book and ways to overcome them, the differences between traditional publishing and self-publishing, and what you will need to do regardless of who publishes your book.

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Navigating College with a Disability Friday, June 6

1:30-2:30
 Lake Florence A



Whenever a person decides to attend college, it is a time filled with fun, new-found freedom ... and fear of the unknown. For people with disabilities, that fear can be multiplied. This presentation will give a brief glimpse into what college life is really like and how to go about getting accommodations, doing well in school, getting along with teachers, and making friends. This session will not only present information, it will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions and discuss concerns with the presenter and other participants

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Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olympics

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Florence B

BayWatchers was founded to teach special populations to swim and compete as champions in Special Olympics. Learn to swim in life's journeys.

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Fair Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Their Families

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake George A

Did you know that a landlord has to allow a person with a disability to have a service animal and cannot charge a pet deposit or extra fees? Are you aware that a housing provider may have to accommodate a tenant who may be evicted because of disruptive behavior due to a disability, as long as the request is reasonable? Learn about your rights to fair housing at this workshop. The first session will provide a brief overview of the Fair Housing Act and will discuss the "reasonable accommodations" provisions of the Act in detail, giving examples of actual cases that apply to persons with a wide range of disabilities.

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Apps to Assist with Independent Living Skills and Employment

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake George B

This practical presentation focuses on the top and most useful apps in the land of assistive technology; apps that are designed to help users perform specific tasks, skills and duties, throughout their everyday, independent lives. Used every day by society on any and all mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, computers and other hand-held devices, "apps" are made to be customized to your specific wants and needs whether for fun, communication, development, and more.

The phrase "I've got an app for that!" didn't come from just anywhere.

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Bridging Opportunities for Individuals with ID/DD and Their Families Through Managed Care

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Hart A

This session will discuss why states have selected to pursue managed care contracts for individuals who have ID/DD and the positive possibilities for consumers and their families if the programs are implemented in a thoughtful manner. This interactive session will also discuss the critical role that consumers, their families, self-advocates, and advocates have in the development and implementation of managed care, and how to make it work for you in this changing environment.

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Living Your Life

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Hart B

Have you been told that your child can't live a normal, independent life because he or she has a disability? Or have you ever been told you cannot live a normal independent life because you have a disability? Do not listen to this—it is simply not true. That is right, it is 100% possible for a person with a disability to live a full, independent life. You will hear how TJ Moon is living an independent life, like he wants to, with minimal help. You will also learn how your or your child with a disability can also live an independent life with some help, or even no help at all. Do you want to work, own your own business, live on your own, go to college, and enjoy many other choices? This is possible, and you will be living your life like you want!

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Disability and Sexuality: An Overview from Self-Advocates on Dating, Marriage, and Parenthood with a Disability

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Highland A

Disability and Sexuality is an overview of dating, relationships, marriage, and parenting with a disability. Christinne and Tricia are self-advocates who have been married for a combination of over 10 years and are parents. Claudia joins in the conversation as a professional to discuss disability statistics and where our population needs to make changes. We all deserve to be loved!

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**NAMI Family-to-Family
Friday, June 6**

1:30-2:30
Lake Highland B

The Family-to-Family course consists of a series of classes for family members of adults with serious and persistent mental illness, as well as those whose behaviors suggest such a diagnosis. It is designed to help families face the challenges of brain disorders and find support, resources, and coping strategies. The course is provided free of charge. Family-to-Family is an experiential education course on mental illness that meets twelve weeks, two and a half hours per week. The course uses a combination of lectures, interactive exercises, and group processes. The curriculum consists of Brain Biology, Schizophrenia, Major Depression, Mania and Schizo-Affective Disorder, Mood Disorders, Basics about the Brain, Problem-Solving Skills, Medication Review, Empathy and Understanding, Communication Skills, Self-Care, Recovery,

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Do I Have Rights? Yes, You Do!

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Louise B

Have you been denied your civil rights, a service, or accommodation? Then you need to know about Disability Rights Florida. Do you need help with inclusion or employment? Then you need to know about Disability Rights Florida. Yes, Disability Rights Florida assists people with disabilities with various problems in a variety of ways. Come, learn, and get a refresher course in self-advocacy skills.

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Making a Choice

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Lucerne

Life is a long time. Are you ready to take your life to the next level? Are you ready to incorporate five easy principles that lie within each one of us—to take your health and wellness to the next level? What does this look like and what can you do? This is a motivational talk to empower you—and your choices. It offers five simple points you can apply to your life today—begin to make a difference for yourself, your kids, your family, your community, or your village. Are you ready to take your life on? Are you ready to make a difference? Join me today—this will change your life!

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Advocacy Skills and Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Mizell A

This presentation will begin with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2014 Legislative Platform and the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2014 Legislative Session. We will also discuss how to tell your story and the importance of local impact. Join us to learn advocacy techniques and how to truly have an impact on the process.

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Life Planning for Special Needs

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Mizell B

The sole purpose of our program for Planning for Persons with Special Needs is to assist the average family with a loved one with special needs in doing comprehensive life planning at the lowest cost possible. Life planning for persons with special needs is a team effort. No one professional has all the answers or needed skills. The planner assists the family in developing a plan for the future well-being of the person, bringing other professionals together. Planning provides peace of mind for you and your family members. Most of all, planning can help you assure that your loved one with special needs will be financially taken care of when you are no longer able to do so.

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Come and Chat with The Florida Youth Council

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Monroe A

The Florida Youth Council wants you to get to know them, and they want to get to know you. Come to this interactive session where the members will share a little about what the Council is doing, as well as what the members are doing themselves, and answer some of the questions you might have about the FYC.

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Changing Expectations for Transition-Aged Youth with Disabilities: The Route to Success!

Friday, June 6
 1:30-2:30
 Lake Monroe B

The United States is a lucky country where most Americans have the opportunity to dream without limit, yet our largest minority—people with disabilities—are often not given this same opportunity. A cultural shift is needed in which the expectations of people with disabilities move from passive sympathy and understanding, to actively encouraging and championing a better quality of life that parallels their same-aged peers. In order to successfully transition into employment, independent living, and active social lives, preparation and support are needed. This session is geared toward parents and individuals with disabilities, and will highlight strategies to ensure a smooth transition into adult life.



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An Autistic Champion

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Nona A

Malcom will share his story, An Autistic Champion, and how he has been involved with Special Olympics and the impact this has had on his life. He will also share how to motivate and encourage others with an intellectual disability. You can do all things if you can step out of your own comfort zone!

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Tips for a Successful PCS Move

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Nona B

Parents of children with special needs face additional challenges when receiving new military orders. Whether moving to a civilian or military community, the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) process does not need to be overwhelming or chaotic. Learn about resources available for organizing your move and navigating the system so that it provides your family with a smooth transition.

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Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Sheen A

The Letting Go workshop examines the importance of encouraging independence in a child with special needs. The workshop also discusses how hard it can be for parents to step back and offer the increasing levels of freedom to the child to allow the child to develop that independence. Finally, the training offers some ideas for parents in learning how to let go in a constructive fashion.

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Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Sheen B

This session is oriented towards consumers of public benefits, their family members, and caring advocates. This session will discuss the employment of persons with disabilities and the impact of employment on Social Security

benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. It will provide updates to the programs, including Partnership Plus, and upcoming changes. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are affected and can be maintained through Ticket to Work, SSI an SSDI employment support programs, and the use of trusts for maintaining Medicaid eligibility, all in plain, understandable language.

Knowing the partners and navigating the systems, knowing the programs and what is available, speaking the language and buzz words of the organization, and knowing the safety nets which are available in each program will take you one more step closer to making tomorrow's vision today's reality.

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**Aging in Place – Accessibility and Mobility Features for the Home
Friday, June 6**

1:30-2:30
Lake Virginia A

Participants will learn that by 2013, Florida will be home to more than 9.7 million seniors over the age of 65. One in four households will include someone aged 65 or older. Demand for housing will shift dramatically and the need for services to help older adults age in place will grow exponentially. Florida is also home to 3.5 million families with disabilities. Universal Design features allow the same quality of life enchantments for individuals aging as those with disabilities. The goal of the Department of Elder Affairs and Agency for Persons with Disabilities is to realize Universal Design features as standardized home design elements. Participants will create their own personalized Aging in Place blueprint. This presentation will demonstrate how and where aging in place and persons with disabilities overlap.

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IEP Process – Dads at the Table

Friday, June 6
1:30-2:30
Lake Virginia B

IDEA refers to parents in the plural when discussing the Individual Education Process, which means fathers as well. If you have felt less than adequate at the IEP table and want to enhance your skills, come join me—one father to another—to learn about the IEP process and the importance of becoming an active member of the planning process.

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Early Steps, Early Wishes

Friday, June 6

1:30-4:00

Orlando IV & V

The fourth annual Early Steps, Early Wishes event is a special workshop/playgroup specifically for families in the CMS Early Steps program. During this two-hour workshop/playgroup, families will wander from one table to the next, learning and having fun with their children. Included in this workshop/playgroup will be an opportunity to have a family photo, as well as make a frame for the photo; an opportunity to make an adaptive book; face painting; a table of toys easily made from household items; movement activities and parachute play; and an opportunity to learn how to advocate for your child and other children with special needs. Early Steps families will meet their local Family Resource Specialist, as well as Early Steps State Office staff. Come join us and start off The Family Café with information that will help you to get the most out of this conference.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Special People, Special Planning: Creating a Safe Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs

Friday, June 6

3:00-4:00

Lake Concord A

Based on the book, *Special People, Special Planning*, this workshop presented by co-author Peggy Hoyt is focused on creating a financial and legal blueprint to address the special person's unique personal and social needs. Families of people with special needs face planning challenges that accompany longer life expectancies—a future without full independence—and the need to maintain an outstanding quality of life. You will gain an overview of the three main federal disability programs, and learn how to create a customized, comprehensive plan for your special person, including special needs trusts, as well as the highlights of guardian advocacy.

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Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Friday, June 6

3:00-4:00

Lake Concord B

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit, and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and identify free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session, you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit, and then finally how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate, or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily.

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Partners in Policymaking May Be For You!

Friday, June 6
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Lake Down A

Debbie Hannifan, Coordinator of the Partners in Policymaking program, will discuss the role of the FDDC and its support and funding of the Partners in Policymaking program. Partners in Policymaking is a leadership and advocacy training program that teaches self-advocates and parents to be community leaders and how to obtain the best available services for themselves and others. Based on a national model, the overall goal of Partners is to develop productive partnerships between people who need and use services and those in a position to make policy and law. Partners participants are able to accomplish this by having opportunities to meet and talk to national leaders in the field of developmental disabilities. Partners will hear presentations about current issues and state-of-the-art practices, as well as policymaking and legislative processes at local, state, and national levels. The Partners program is offered once a year and consists of six two-day sessions within the Central Florida area. Those individuals interested in applying can pick up an application for the 2014 program at the informal session.

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**Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training (SALT)**

Friday, June 6
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Lake Down B

Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training (SALT) is a leadership skills curriculum designed for young adults with disabilities over age 22. Project SALT was created to produce an ever-growing cadre of individuals with the capacity for self-determination, independence, and the ability to participate in their community in meaningful ways. We cater to a multicultural community, and the curriculum is designed to be inclusive to serve all, including various disabilities. We will share our curriculum, design process, best practices, and outcomes of the training.

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The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Eola A

Statistics reveal that the vast majority of individuals with developmental disabilities will be the victims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation at some point during their lives. This presentations will explore the factors behind the alarming prevalence of such crimes committed against this population, identify common characteristics of perpetrators, provide tips for detecting and reporting the signs and symptoms of potential maltreatment, and offer concrete safety and prevention strategies that parents, caregivers, and self-advocates can implement immediately. An overview of the Agency's Zero Tolerance Initiative to End Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation against Floridians with Development Disabilities will also be provided.

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I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Eola B

In this session you will learn some of the methods and strategies that the authors Mark and Sandy Horowitz discovered parenting their child with special needs over the past fourteen years. This session will provide you with tools, techniques, and strategies that will help to reduce stress, take the emotion out of decision-making, and prepare you for transitions.

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Living in the Community: Inclusive Housing Options for Floridians with Disabilities

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Florence A

In this panel presentation, attendees will hear from professionals, a parent, and a self-advocate who will share success stories about independent living in the community. Attendees will learn how the panelists overcame obstacles and learned from their experiences. Panelists will share information and valuable tips on:

- Planning for success in independent living.
- Support services for living in inclusive settings.
- How to save for a home while maintaining benefits.
- Finding a home that is affordable.
- How to make a home accessible.
- How to connect with other self-advocates who are living in inclusive settings.
- Where to learn more.

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Rish Park – Paradise Around the Corner

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Florence B

Participants will enjoy learning about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities' 98 acre beach park located on the Gulf of Mexico at Cape San Blas, which was built specifically for persons with disabilities and their families. The park recently received \$1.4 million in 2013 and hopes to have another \$3.5 million by the end of Session 2014. Participants will learn how this money will be used to enhance the park's access and features. More importantly, participants will learn about how they and their groups can have fun in the sun and on the beach without barriers.

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Never Say Never: Yes You Can Be Employed!

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake George A

Lindsay, a 2014 graduate of Creekside High School, and Gary, her father, will share their journey, and her family's and circle of supports' trials, disappointments, lessons learned, and strategies for customized employment planning. Sometimes it is self-belief or encouraging parents ... not just convincing other professionals. Attendees of this session will receive free tools and resources to use and share with their school district. Lindsay and her team received technical assistance through St. Johns School District award of the Collaborative on Discovery & Innovation in Employment project with Florida Center for Inclusive Communities. CODIE was funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council.

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The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake George B

This session will offer an informative presentation that breaks down the FFAST Atlantic Regional Demonstration Center (ARDC), describing their specific services with the use of Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC), which is a type of Assistive Technology. AAC includes all forms of communication other than speech itself that are used to express needs, maintain social etiquette and more. Nancy Harrington, the Assistant Regional Coordinator & Clinical Educator oversees and heads this particular RDC and can provide additional literature and resources upon request.

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How to Use Books to Improve Language in Children Under 3 Years of Age

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Hart A

We all know how important it is to read books to our children. But what do you do when your child does not want you to read to them, and this interaction is more stressful than fun? During our hour together, we will discuss the struggles of using books with children under the age of 3, and find ways to make interacting with books fun again. I will also share ideas on how to use books to pop language in a fun and engaging way.

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A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Friday, June 6
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Lake Hart B

This session will be based on one person's experience as an individual with a severe disability. You will hear what has worked and what didn't work, which will help you develop a plan for yourself. Some of the topics covered will include how to benefit fully from services that are available and knowing what those services are (i.e. Supported Living, Life Skills Development 1, 2, & 3, Respite, etc.) and the iBudget. You will also hear about how to self-advocate and what rights you are entitled to.

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The Florida Consortium on Postsecondary Education and Intellectual Disabilities: Building Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Highland A

The Florida Consortium on Postsecondary Education and Intellectual Disabilities has been working to create programs for transitioning students with intellectual disabilities who want to go to college. This presentation will update participants on current and developing programs in Florida, including the movement towards supporting students earning a vocational certificate. We will highlight student success stories, and we will share resources and strategies to develop sustainable programs within communities. Participants will learn how to develop a sustainable program through partnerships with school districts, agencies, and local businesses, and we will share examples of technical assistance provided by the consortium.

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Delegate Roundtable: Mental Health

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Highland B

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the annual conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where attendees can network with other attendees to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are a person with a mental health need or a family member, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Mental Health. Sessions on Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Autism will also be held.

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Living with a Disability: Anything is Possible

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Louise A

I am 25-years-old. I am a college junior. I am a middle/high school teacher entrusted with the minds of tomorrow. I am smart, I am bilingual, I am married. I was born with cerebral palsy. All of my life I have dreamed of being a public speaker, and sharing my story to help others be successful. I want people to

understand that just because you have a disability doesn't mean you are your disability. We are not our disability!

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Restraint and Seclusion: What's New in the Law, and How Can I Protect My Child?

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Louise B

This presentation will provide information about the current use of restraint and seclusion in school, data, and updates of SP&P. The discussion will focus on practices, policies, state law, and what you need to know to protect your child. Current policies, technical assistance papers, and ways to ensure your district is complying with keeping your child safe will be included. The presentation will also inform participants of the state law and status of the federal law. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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The Novel Natural Flavone Tetramethoxyluteolin Inhibits Immune Mechanisms Contributing to Autism

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Mizell A

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) have reached epidemic proportions, but the reason(s) why remain elusive. As a result, there are no objective biomarkers for diagnosis and no effective treatments. Increasing evidence indicates that there may be immune damage to the fetal brain. We have published that the peptide neurotensin (NT), present in the brain, gut and skin, is increased in the serum of young children with ASD. NT also stimulates mast cells, responsible for allergic reactions, to secrete inflammatory mediators including IL-6 and TNF, which have been shown to be increased in the brain of patients with ASD. We also showed that during stimulation with NT, mast cells secrete components of mitochondria, commonly known for their cellular energy production, outside the cell. These include DNA, which is misconstrued by the body as "innate pathogen" leading to an auto-inflammatory response affecting specific brain regions responsible for behavior and language. We also showed that mitochondrial DNA is increased in the serum of the same patients whose serum contained elevated NT. In an effort to block the ability of NT to trigger release of IL-6, TNF, and mitochondrial DNA, we showed that this can be achieved by the natural flavonoid luteolin. Two recent clinical trials using a unique formulation containing luteolin (NeuroProtek) reported it has significant benefit in children with ASD within six months. A new product (BrainGain) contains higher amounts of luteolin and berberine, especially for ASD patients with PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections). We have since identified a related novel natural flavone, tetramethoxyluteolin, which not only is a more potent inhibitor than luteolin, but it is already methylated and can be better tolerated by those children with ASD who have reduced methylation capacity.

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The ABC's and 123's of SNT's (Special Needs Trusts)

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Mizell B

What is a Special Needs Trust (SNT) and why should families consider creating one? A Special Needs

Trust is created to protect resources for an individual with a disability. Contrary to popular belief, Special Needs Trusts can be easy and affordable. We will discuss the various types of SNTs and how they can preserve the valuable benefits for our loved one with a disability. Attendees will learn of cost-effective ways to establish these trusts and provide for a sound, reliable plan to look after their financial legacy for their special family member.

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Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Monroe A

The Florida Youth Council believes that Disability History is very important, especially to individuals with disabilities. In this session, The FYC will demonstrate just how important Disability History is and how you can have fun while learning the history. Please join them for what will surely be an enjoyable and interactive session.

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The Challenge of Transition: Things to Know About Life After High School

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Monroe B

Moving from high school into adulthood can be both challenging and exciting for students and parents. This presentation will go over the major questions about life after high school for students with disabilities. Students, parents, and professionals will discuss important skills and abilities youth can practice that will lead to future success. Attendees will also learn about differences in special education law, self-advocacy, time management and organization, and independent living options.

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Strategies for Communicating About IEP's

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Nona B

Communicating with school staff members about your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) should be a team process. Legal terms such as "Eligibility," "Comparable Services," "Portability," and "Dispute Resolution" may make the IEP meeting confusing. Find out the basic IEP terms and available resources to help parents know what information to provide, what questions to ask, and how to enhance communication with school staff to effectively plan for your child's needs.

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Epilepsy, Seizures, and Disabilities

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Sheen A

You would be surprised how many puzzling behaviors are really seizures. Have you always wanted to know more about seizures, but never had the opportunity to ask? Do you want to learn more about cutting-edge research and treatments for epilepsy and seizures? Come join two individuals with epilepsy as they discuss what exactly epilepsy is (and isn't), the different types of seizures, how epilepsy relates to other disabilities, hidden epilepsy, different types of treatments, current research, advocacy, challenges faced by individuals with epilepsy, and available resources.

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Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Friday, June 6
3:00-4:00
Lake Sheen B

This session will discuss the options for gaining employment for persons with disabilities and how earned income impacts SSDI, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how these benefits are impacted and how the use of trusts can maintain Medicaid eligibility.

The session will also discuss the importance of partnerships and collaboration in navigating the complex state and federal systems, with the ultimate goal of making you a more effective advocate and advisor. This session will increase your ability to advise and plan for the future by helping you to understand how the same employment earnings impact each type of public benefit differently.

This session will discuss the employment of persons with disabilities and the impact of employment on Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. It will provide updates to the programs including Partnership Plus and upcoming changes. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are affected and can be maintained through Ticket to Work, SSI and SSDI employment support programs, and the use of trusts for maintaining Medicaid eligibility, all in plain, understandable language.

Knowing the partners and navigating the systems, knowing the programs and what is available, speaking the language and buzz words of the organization, and knowing the safety nets which are available in each program will take you one step closer to making tomorrow's vision today's reality.

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Connecting to Your Child's Technological Life: Internet and Social Media Safety

Friday, June 6
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Lake Virginia A

The Internet? That thing still around? Yes, and it is evolving at an astonishing rate. Keeping up with the changes that are taking place is an enormous task. Unfortunately, our students/children often are more adept at navigating the web than adults are. With more young adults using social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) than adults, it is imperative that parents take on more responsibility when monitoring their children's Internet usage.

This presentation is geared towards providing parents/stakeholders with insight into the pitfalls that young, novice Internet users face when embarking on a journey through the worldwide web.

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Dadvocates

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3:00-4:00
Lake Virginia B

In 1994, a small group of fathers founded the first Florida fathers group, "Father to Father of Collier County." We did not fit into the mold of traditional support groups that were designed by mothers, and began to meet together as dads. We started with planned community outings with our children. It gave us time with our children and an informal time to talk to each other. I developed the "Dadvocate" workshop, and my first workshop had three dads present. My seventh workshop had standing room only! I learned much from the fathers in those workshops. I realized that dads were being overlooked, and I created the "Father's Network."

It is my hope that through this interactive presentation fathers will be encouraged to become involved in the lives of their children by being "Dadvocates."

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Early Steps, Early Wishes

Friday, June 6
1:30-4:00
Orlando IV & V

The fourth annual Early Steps, Early Wishes event is a special workshop/playgroup specifically for families in the CMS Early Steps program. During this two-hour workshop/playgroup, families will wander from one table to the next, learning and having fun with their children. Included in this workshop/playgroup will be an opportunity to have a family photo, as well as make a frame for the photo; an opportunity to make an adaptive book; face painting; a table of toys easily made from household items; movement activities and parachute play; and an opportunity to learn how to advocate for your child and other children with special needs. Early Steps families will meet their local Family Resource Specialist, as well as Early Steps State Office staff. Come join us and start off The Family Café with information that will help you to get the most out of this conference.

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Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Friday, June 6
 3:00-4:00
 Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood. This will be a live demonstration.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to promote water safety.

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4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brazilian Voices, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Lu'Musik & Healing Arts for Whole Brain Health

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Concord A

In this presentation Cheryl will demonstrate "Lu'Musik™," a unique therapy that uses live therapeutic music played by Cheryl, Aromatherapy oil, and color therapy for better brain health, reversing the Classic Stress Response. You'll get to watch an educational TV interview from Dinshah Health Society, the early pioneers of color therapy's use in healthcare, brain health, and more.

You'll also learn how group drumming with character building rhythms and color therapy can access whole brain stimulation.

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Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering: Special Needs Shelters and You

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
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Learn how to prepare yourself for the unexpected. Participants will learn about planning for an emergency evacuation and the role of special needs shelters. Included in the program will be information on registering for a special needs shelter in your area, what you should bring, and what to expect when you get there. This session is sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

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Partners In Policymaking Graduates: Improving the Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 6
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 Lake Down A

Are you one of approximately 300 graduates of Partners in Policymaking in the state of Florida? If so, please visit us as we connect and network with one another and hear how Partners graduates are continuing their advocacy work to improve lives of Floridians with developmental disabilities. Debbie Hannifan, Coordinator of the Partners in Policymaking program, will be facilitating the discussion and will discuss continued education and opportunities through the Partners Graduate Network. Join us and connect with other graduates, and encourage and collaborate with one another in your ongoing advocacy activities.

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Traveling By Air as a Person with a Disability

Friday, June 6
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The best synergy for a person with a disability is when anyone who doesn't live with a disability listens to the person who lives with a disability. This panel will answer questions provided in advance as well as questions from the audience about traveling by air. Not a place to air grievances, this session is about getting answers about how the person with a disability can manage their own travel experience with any requested, reasonable accommodation. It is also an opportunity for airline representatives to interact in a positive way with customers.

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Increasing Successful Employment Outcomes

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 4:30-5:30
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The Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation are working together, both in Tallahassee and across the state, to increase successful outcomes for individuals with disabilities seeking employment. This session will discuss each agency's supported employment program aspects, including eligibility, direct assistance offered, how each funding system works, and how APD and VR are working together to offer Floridians with disabilities the opportunity to work competitively in the community.

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Achieving YOUR Goals – Perseverance, Determination, and a Little Help from iBudget Florida

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Eola B

The iBudget Florida Waiver provides flexibility in how services are used to help individuals live in their community and achieve their goals. Learn from one self-advocate who has used the flexibility of the iBudget Florida Waiver to arrange her services as just one piece of achieving her goals. Responsibility, perseverance, determination, humor, and self-advocacy are keys to her success. Finding and working with services providers in a creative way helped her achieve many goals!

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High School Language Therapy – It's Not Too Late!

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Florence A

This session will be presented by a high school SLP and a county lead SLP to target the lack of information available for parents and therapists of language impaired middle/high school students. The focus is on the student's attitude towards therapy, resistance of general education teachers, and integrating general education curriculum into therapy sessions. IEP goals, service delivery, and accommodations will be targeted as they relate to the unique needs of middle/high school students. The focus is primarily on students who participate in regular education courses.

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Next Chapter: Recreation!

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Florence B



As parents, we focus on academic skills, employment, independent living, and overall health, but when

it comes to our children's entitlement to happiness and living a fulfilled life, we are met with many barriers. How can we identify leisure activities for our children? Do they have the capacity to perform such activities, and how would a parent go about seeking leisure time skills for their child? A panel of expert professionals, family, and friends will be on hand to share their expertise and the methodology used to assist and develop the required skills to learn many of the leisure skills an individual with disabilities has learned. Learn how a child with a disability can learn how to ride in a tricycle, bike and scooter, how to swim, horseback ride, and even kayak!

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Bread and Butter Applications in Balance: How to Improve Vision, Body Awareness, and Coordination

Friday, June 6

4:30-5:30

Lake George A

A Vision Therapy program developed and applied at the USAF Academy (and with numerous collegiate and professional baseball teams) will be taught to train the body's main balance center (the eyes) for improved peripheral vision and acuity. A series of natural eye movement and focus techniques will be offered with dynamic stability applications to enhance visual concentration, fixation, and eye movement with balance center integration for better vision and balanced movement. These techniques are exceptionally helpful to facilitate integration and pattern recognition/repetition of specific motor and cognitive skills movement. Typically, the earlier someone receives this type of therapeutic intervention the better.

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Obtaining Accommodations in Employment, Educational, Medical, and Housing Settings

Friday, June 6

4:30-5:30

Lake George B

The Disability Independence Group (DIG) is a unique 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is primarily organized to promote the provision of legal advice and services to individuals with disabilities; to protect and communicate the interests of individuals with disabilities; to provide education with regards to the legal rights of persons with disabilities; and to assist in obtaining accessibility to persons with disabilities. DIGS's staff attorneys specialize in disability discrimination issues and are committed to ensuring their clients receive equal treatment and access, as well as receive benefits and privileges that other members of the community enjoy.

DIG's presentation will focus on how to obtain accommodations in order for persons with disabilities to be successful in the workplace, in educational and medical settings, and to assist persons in being able to live independently. The presentation will address the rights of persons with disabilities to request an accommodation in order to be successful in the workplace and increase diversity of persons with disabilities in the workplace, for standardized examinations or for educational curriculum, to have equal access to services and benefits in medical settings, and to be able to have a device or service that ameliorates the effects of their disability to afford them an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their home. DIG will address the rights of persons with disabilities and the obligations of employers and educational, medical, and housing providers under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act, and the Florida Civil Rights Act to provide accommodations and modifications.



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Logging Your Journey: Getting Organized and Communicating Effectively to Maximize Your Child's Potential

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Hart A

This workshop will inspire you to get organized and take control of the mountains of paperwork that come along with having a child with special needs. Strategies will be shared and record keeping systems explained to help with these challenges. Information to help you better communicate your wants and needs to those providing services for your child will be discussed. Participants will receive materials to help with getting organized. A Family Resource Specialist will be available to translate this session into Spanish.

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An Employer's Perspective: What You Need to Know to Get Hired

Friday, June 6
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 Lake Hart B

Employers are hiring and you need to know what type of workforce skills they desire. Come listen to our panel of employers talk about what they are looking for in potential employees. Employers will offer advice on how to land an interview, and your dream job. There will be an opportunity for participants to engage in a question and answer session with the employers. If you are looking for employment or tips to enhance your workforce skills, then this workshop is for you.

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The Parent-Teacher Connection – What's That?

Friday, June 6
 4:30-5:30
 Lake Highland A

Parents of children with special needs have experienced a multitude of issues with their child long before their child has his or her first educational experience. Teachers generally have little or no concept of the emotional highs and lows, the fears, decisions, hurdles, and other experiences that the family with special needs must navigate from the very beginning of their child's life (of from the onset of an injury, accident, or illness).

When an educator enters a child's life, it is important that the teacher understands that the child's needs

and the parent's concerns are often inseparable. If the teacher "doesn't get it," the educational process is compromised, resulting in the loss of productive learning time, as well as possible emotional and/or behavioral issues.

However, if the parent and teacher can reach a mutual understanding that puts the child's needs first, the parent-teacher connection will have been established.

We will attempt to discuss the need for such a connection, and how to achieve it, from both the parent/guardian's perspective, and from the perspective of the teacher/therapist/professional working with your child.

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School-Based Mental Health Resources and Systems of Support

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Highland B

Participants will learn about the various mental health resources available in local school districts that are provided through a multi-tiered system of support. A student's mental and psychological wellness are integral to school success, but barriers to learning often impede students who are already dealing with other non-academic struggles. Teams of school-based mental health professionals are available to assist with eliminating those barriers and providing the supports necessary for struggling students to engage in school and demonstrate their true academic ability.

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Keeping the Behaviorally Challenged Student in School Learning

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Louise B

Students with challenging behavior spend more time out of the classroom missing out on important instructional time. Many students are suspended for manifestations of their disability, and the function of their behavior is often misunderstood. This presentation will focus on the student's behavior, and when to request a Functional Behavior Assessment and positive Behavior Intervention Plan. Also covered will be how to draft a meaningful positive Behavior Intervention Plan. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Lucerne

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the annual conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other

parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Autism. Sessions on Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Mental Health will also be held.

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Fibromyalgia: Two Novel Triggers Implicate the Immune and Nervous Systems, and Are Inhibited by the Natural Flavones Luteolin

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Mizell A

Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) is a chronic, idiopathic condition affecting almost 1/100 persons, especially women. It is characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, mood and sleep disturbances, fatigue, and cognitive dysfunction. FMS often occurs together with chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome (IC/BPS) and mastocytosis. All these conditions have been associated with activation of a unique immune cell, the mast cell, which stores or can produce as many as 50 different inflammatory molecules in response to different triggers. New findings indicate that FMS involves neuro-inflammation triggered or worsened with stress. Neuropeptides released from sensory nerve endings under stress activate mast cells to secrete inflammatory molecules that contribute to FMS. We recently showed that when the neuropeptide substance P (SP) is used together with the cytokine interleukin-33 (IL-33), they have an impressive synergistic effect, stimulating 30-times more tumor necrosis factor (TNF) than either one alone. Combination of natural flavonoids together with mitochondrial support can have significant benefit in FMS. A unique formulation containing luteolin (FibroProtek) has significant benefit in patients with FMS in about six months. We have since identified a related novel natural flavone, tetramethoxyluteolin, which is more potent inhibitor than luteolin.

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Money Smart

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Mizell B

Money Smart is a comprehensive financial education curriculum, developed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, designed to help low-and moderate-income individuals outside the financial mainstream enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. Money Smart has reached over 2.75 million consumers since 2001. Research shows that the curriculum can positively influence how consumers manage their finances, and these changes are sustainable in the months after the training.

Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, families, and entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well-being.



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Education and Life After High School

Friday, June 6
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Lake Monroe A

Figuring out what path is right after high school can be difficult. Do you go to college, go to a trade school, or go directly into work? Members of The Florida Youth Council have taken all of these paths and want to help you find the path that is right for you. Come and explore some of these options, and more, during this session.

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Coming Together as a Team: Lessons Learned from Both Sides of the IEP Table

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Monroe B

After working as a special educator, then serving at both the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education, Linda Starnes became a parent of two children with significant, diverse disabilities. Thus she spent many hours as a team member "on both sides of the IEP table." She sat on a myriad of IEP teams in four states, at thirteen different schools, from pre-school through high school settings. As a parent, she advocated that her children be fully included with appropriate supports at their neighborhood schools. Whether you are a parent, self-advocate, or practitioner, learn from insights gained over 30 years of working with IEP teams.

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Just for Dads

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Nona A

This session will be dads talking to dads, where we can talk freely about our kids and the challenges we face.

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Florida KidCare and Special Populations: A Special Focus on Military Families in Florida

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Nona B

Military families can get lost in the shuffle when it comes to information about civilian services available to them, particularly when interstate moving is constant. Healthcare benefits can be discontinued when the service member is off "active duty" status, or there may be additional health needs within a military family which are not being met. This patchwork of military and civilian support services makes it difficult for some families to attain the proper guidance and knowledge. By increasing awareness of Florida KidCare with the support services coordinators and staff, eligible service members may benefit greatly from Florida KidCare information.

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Sibling Advocacy: The New Advocacy Movement

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Sheen A

Are you a sibling or parent of an individual with a disability? Then this class is for you! Welcome to the new advocacy movement in disabilities that is sweeping the nation: sibling advocacy. Learn exactly what sibling advocacy is, why the bond between siblings is so important, what we can do to help young siblings of individuals with disabilities, and what role older siblings can have in the lives of their siblings. Also learn about national and state sibling advocacy organizations and how you can get involved.

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Learning Vital Employment Skills on the Job and Through Virtual Reality

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Sheen B

The Dan Marino Foundation secured appropriation funding from the State of Florida Legislature and Governor Rick Scott in Florida's 2013-2014 state budget to pilot an employment program. This appropriation established the Jobs Development Program for youth with developmental disabilities, sponsored by The Dan Marino Foundation and the State of Florida, Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Seventy-four youth participated in academic preparation and on-the-job training and apprenticeships to gain skills necessary for competitive and sustainable employment. Based on individual preferences, opportunities for training included the Hospitality, Information Technology, and Entrepreneurship Industries. Additional funding from the State of Florida Legislature in conjunction with the Department of Education was earmarked to run a piloted research study that focused on developing a replicable virtual-reality-based training tool, ITEM. This tool provides a controllable, virtual environment recreating job interviews, thereby enhancing confidence and skills in teens and young adults preparing to enter the workforce. Learn about these programs and the Foundation's future plans in the post-secondary realm in this session.

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Tips for Parenting Your Preschool and School-Aged Children

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Virginia A

This presentation will discuss milestones to expect and tips for managing behavior, and teach parents how to incorporate learning games into everyday activities. Parents will walk away knowing the key to effective parenting is following the 3 F rule: Fair, Firm, and Friendly.

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What Now? A Proactive Approach to Our Role As a Parent of a Child With Special Needs

Friday, June 6
4:30-5:30
Lake Virginia B

Our lives have just become more complex, we no longer feel in control, and we feel vulnerable. Now what? As parents of children with special needs, our reality has changed. This presentation relays the presenter’s personal experience as a parent of children with special needs, proven corporate project management techniques to help manage this new complexity and help prioritize life, and valuable financial planning tips from over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry.

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- 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** **Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf**, Hospitality Suite 912
- 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** **Evening Keynote, Featuring Dan Marino and Tonier Cain**, Orlando Ballroom

Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf
Friday, June 6 | 5:00-9:00 | Hospitality Suite 812

Our collaborative team has reserved a Hospitality Suite just for families of children with sensory loss and professionals who work with them! Come! Bring your family and join us! You will have an opportunity to make contact with other families, parent groups, and organizations that provide assistance and services to the sensory loss population and community.



Friday, June 6, 2014

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Orlando Ballroom



The Family Café is excited to welcome NFL legend and disability advocate Dan Marino to The 16th Annual Family Café!

While Dan Marino is best known for the seventeen seasons he spent as quarterback of the Miami Dolphins, which led to him being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005, he is also the parent of a child with autism and an active disability advocate. He and his wife founded The Dan Marino Foundation in 1992 to help children with autism and other disabilities. Since then, the foundation has distributed over \$22 million to research, services, and treatment programs. His foundation also established The Dan Marino Center at Miami Children's Hospital in 1995, and recently launched the Marino Campus in Fort Lauderdale to provide education and training to help young people with disabilities acquire job skills. Please join us to meet Dan Marino and hear his advocacy message!



State Senator Bill Galvano, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and long-time advocate for people with disabilities, will be on hand to introduce Dan Marino.



Join us for a conversation with trauma survivor and fearless advocate Tonier "Neen" Cain, subject of the award winning film "Healing Neen."

Ms. Cain began her journey to become a survivor, and to live with more hope than fear, when someone finally asked her, "What happened to you?" instead of "What's wrong with you?" That's when she came to understand the central role that trauma plays in shaping the way people relate to the world around them. The impact of trauma is realized by every age group, race, ethnicity, socio-economic group, gender, community, and workforce. It also plays a profound role in the lives of people with disabilities.

Ms. Cain's experience illustrates the consequences that untreated trauma has on individuals and society at-large, including mental health problems, addiction, homelessness and incarceration.

After surviving a childhood of unspeakable abuse, unrelenting violence, and betrayal by systems that were charged with helping, Ms. Tonier Cain stands before her audiences today, a testimony to the resiliency of the human spirit exemplifying the innate human instinct to survive. Please join us to share in Ms. Cain's story, and learn how everyone can begin to heal by acknowledging and understanding the way trauma shapes our lives and perceptions.

The first 500 attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Ms. Cain's award-winning documentary "Healing Neen."





Prepare and Protect your Family by Building a Family Emergency Plan



Your Family Emergency Plan should include the following items:

- Identify a Meeting Location and Out-of-Town Contact to meet in the event family members become separated.
- Identify specific needs of family members who may need medical assistance, equipment, or medicines.
- Identify an Evacuation Route for your family. Ensure all family members are aware of the route.
- Identify items you would need in an evacuation and how to secure your home.
- Identify Local Emergency Management, medical, and insurance contacts. Create a file with important personal documents stored in a safe but easily accessible place.
- Disaster Supply Kit List including:
 - Non-perishable food
 - Drinking Water for family members (one gallon per day per person)
 - Medications

Additional items found can be found at

www.FloridaDisaster.org



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Once you've collected this important information and put together a plan, practice your plan at least twice a year, make updates as needed and review your disaster supply kit accordingly.

Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org for more information and for help building your emergency plan.

Like the Kids Get a Plan and Florida Division of Emergency Management Facebook page and follow @FLGetaPlan on Twitter.

KIDS Get a PLAN!

Join Professor Tinkermeister Online

www.KidsGetaPlan.Com

Go online with your parents for interactive games, activities and downloadable books to learn how to prepare for emergencies and disasters.



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Saturday, June 7, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Orlando Ballroom

THE 16TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON DISABILITIES

Please plan on joining us for The 16th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities on Saturday morning! The Family Café is pleased to once again play host to Florida's Governor, Rick Scott. Governor Scott will join Family Café attendees on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. for a conversation on trends and policies that impact the disability community. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from Florida's leading elected official, and we hope you take advantage of it.



The Governor will be joined by State Senator Bill Galvano, who represents District 26, and Chairs the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. He is a long-time advocate for people with disabilities and supporter of The Family Café, and he will be able to share a legislative perspective on Florida's disability policy. Additionally, representatives from a range of State Agencies will be on hand to participate in the conversation.



The 16th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities promises to be both informative and memorable. The Family Café is committed to creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities to connect with policy makers and elected leaders. We believe that engagement between people with disabilities and those that set the policies that profoundly impact their lives is essential, and we hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to have your voice heard at The 16th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities!



The 16th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities will feature a musical performance by Staar Fields, a singer/songwriter and mother of her 6 year old son Gabriel, who was diagnosed with Autism. Although Gabriel is non-verbal, Staar has used her music to capture his attention and to encourage people and families across the country! Staar is excited about spreading her message of hope. For more information please visit www.staarfields.com.

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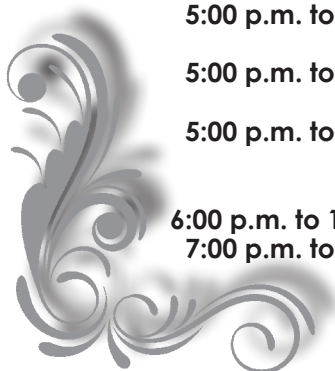
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Registration Open, Convention Registration
Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom
Dental Screening, Exhibit Hall
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Brazilian Voices, Foyer
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Arts & Crafts, Orlando V
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Dads' Chat, Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf, Hospitality Suite 912
Moms' Chat, Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf Hospitality Suite 975
Compartiendo en Familia! Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf Blind Collaborative and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf, Hospitality Suite 957
Family Café Photo Booth, Orlando Ballroom
Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show, Orlando Ballroom



CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

11:00AM – 12:30PM

ROOM: ORLANDO IV

*Give yourself the gift of community and ceremony –
Heal, transform, and celebrate the lives of your loved ones who have passed away.*



2013 Celebration of Life Silk Painting

This year, as we step into this sacred place of celebration, the renowned Brazilian Voices, a female vocalist group from South Florida, will join us. Their healing words and melodies will permeate the room, as together we create a community silk painting and poetry. A powerful healing experience will connect our hearts as one, uniting with our loved ones and globally. The "Tree Of Life" ceremonial bowl will be brought forth as we recognize each person who has gifted our lives with their love.

Dr. Paula Petry will share her personal journey back to wholeness after the death of her daughter, Alexandra. Her in-depth studies of mind, body, and spirit healing modalities will give great insights into death and afterlife. Hand-made mementos will be available for everyone attending.

The Celebration of Life Ceremony began in 2012 with the loss of Ms. Lizzy Barrows, a member of our Florida Youth Council. Each year the ceremony varies as we honor all families who have experienced a loss. Military families of children with special needs will be recognized for their service and courage, as they are a continual witness of loss.

FACILITATORS

Paula Petry has her Ph.D. in special education. She taught grief and loss for 10 years at the University of Miami, School of Medicine in her tenure as Director of Training at the Mailman Center for Child Development. Paula studied arts & medicine at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida and is a mother of a child with a disability who passed away at the age of 12.

Dana Pezoldt has her master's degree in Expressive Arts from the University of South Florida and has worked in hospice and pediatric oncology for a total of 12 years. She currently is a program manager with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. Ms. Pezoldt has consulted on expressive arts projects with Dr. Petry for seven years.

Florida Outreach Project for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind and Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf

Saturday, June 7 | 9:00-6:00 | Hospitality Suite 912

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ESE Parent Survey Polling Stations

Saturday, June 7
11:00-5:00
Lower Level Foyer

We are excited to announce the addition of an ESE Parent Survey polling station at The 16th Annual Family Café. This polling station is in conjunction with the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services and The Family Café.

The polling station, located in the lower level foyer, will house laptops that are set up with an online parent survey. This survey is designed to gather input from parents and caregivers of Florida public school students who have a disability and receive exceptional education services. The survey is confidential and brief, only 25 multiple-choice questions. The information gathered from the survey will be used to help districts improve their services to parents.

So if you are a parent or caregiver of a Florida public school student who receives these services, please be sure to stop by and take the survey. Your input is important!

Celebration of Life Ceremony

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:30
Orlando IV

Give yourself the gift of community and ceremony to heal, transform, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed away. This year, as we step into this sacred place of celebration, we will be joined by the renowned Brazilian Voices, a female vocalist group from South Florida. Their healing words and melodies will permeate the room as together we create a community silk painting and poetry. A powerful healing experience will connect our hearts as one, uniting with our loved ones and globally. The "Tree Of Life" ceremonial bowl will be brought forth as we recognize each person who has gifted our lives with their love.

Dr. Paula Petry (Lalinde) will share her personal journey back to wholeness after the death of her daughter, Alexandra. Her in-depth studies of mind, body, and spirit healing modalities will give great insights into death and afterlife. Hand-made mementos will be available for everyone attending.

The Celebration of Life Ceremony began in 2012 with the loss of a member of our Florida Youth Council, Ms. Lizzy Barrows. Each year the ceremony varies as we continue to honor all families who have experienced a loss over time. Military families of children with special needs will be specially recognized for their service and courage as they are a continual witness of loss.

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11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Delegate Roundtable: Spina Bifida

Saturday, June 7

11:00-12:00

Lake Concord A

This roundtable will serve as a time where families can share and chat with other families about experiences related to Spina Bifida. Those in attendance will be encouraged to discuss information that they feel is important for others in the Spina Bifida community to know. Resources, events, and organizations which are helpful to those with Spina Bifida will be presented. Everyone impacted by Spina Bifida is encouraged to attend. Come and make some new friends!

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Keeping Children and Youth with Autism and Other Disabilities Safe from Unintentional Injuries

Saturday, June 7

11:00-12:00

Lake Concord B

Parents of children with disabilities face very special responsibilities when it comes to keeping their child safe. Children and youth with disabilities tend not to have good self-preservation skills. Some wander, and if not found very quickly, can be at risk for drowning or other dangers. Some engage in dangerous activities and behave in ways that result in injury. This presentation will focus on unintentional injuries, what some may refer to as accidents, to children with disabilities, as these constitute the greatest threat to the child's personal safety and well-being, and how parents can prevent injuries and accidents.

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Navigating the IEP Process

Saturday, June 7

11:00-12:00

Lake Down B

This workshop explains the IEP process, how it works, and the rights and the responsibilities of parents/caregivers in that process. The Do's and the Don't's that parents need to be aware of during the IEP process are discussed. The workshop encourages parent involvement and responsibility, while emphasizing the need to work as part of the IEP team throughout the IEP process.

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Meet APD Director Barbara Palmer

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11:00-12:00
Lake Eola B

Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed Barbara Palmer director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in August 2012. Since then, APD has moved 1,600 people off the waiting list and ended the fiscal year without a deficit. Come and hear about Director Palmer's priorities for the agency in 2014 and beyond.

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Orthopaedic Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Florence A

Children with Cerebral Palsy frequently develop bony and soft tissues abnormalities as they develop and grow. This course will cover the many bony and soft tissue abnormalities that affect children with Cerebral Palsy as they age. Discussion of both surgical and non-surgical approaches to treatment of orthopaedic issues, including appropriate age for treatment, will be included. This will help parents and caregivers to make the correct decisions about treatment to maximize their child's function.

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Recreation for People of All Abilities: Who? What? Where? Why? How???

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Florence B

People with disabilities can participate and enjoy recreation with their family and friends. Each person has different interests and activities that inspire and motivate them. Regular physical activity has been shown to diminish the risks and effects of many health problems associated with a sedentary lifestyle including obesity, as well as the loss of lean muscle tissue and bone mass. Learn about the value of active leisure! This session will provide information on why, how and where to participate in a variety of active leisure options. The important mental, social, and emotional benefits will also be discussed. You won't want to miss the excitement of the many options available to you.

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Say Cheese! 4-H Photography

Saturday, June 7
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Do you enjoy taking pictures? Bring your camera, or cell phone camera. Did you know the camera functions like your EYE? See for yourself with this special camera! This will be an interactive session as much as possible. You will learn about your camera and how to take great photos. You will also judge some photos and learn about lighting, shadows, clutter, and Hat Tricks with your camera. Should be fun ... don't forget your camera!

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Survey of Animal-Assisted Therapies for Balance and Sensory Integration Awareness Techniques

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake George B

From canine to pachyderm to equine, feline and aquatic mammals, to fish and fowl, this presentation surveys applications of animal-assisted therapeutic approaches in the context of nature therapy practices that includes new research data from the recently opened National Elephant Center (Fellsmere, FL) and Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce on a sensory awareness project called Hearing Hands.

This session will feature a discussion and demonstration of new research showing activities/processes that mimic natural rhythms (such as prancercise-like rhythmic-walking/riding) that can be highly effective and increasingly affordable to assist with life-enhancing, dignifying and hope enlivening bonding and positive outcomes. In addition, specific practices will be showcased that influence biochemical antibodies associated with the PPN region of the brain and how these are activated during fast, imagined walking and through specific vibro-acoustic frequencies used by animals to enhance their biological presence, awareness, and coordinated movement. These multiple, holistic dimensions of animal-assisted therapy will be underscored by an in-depth look at examples from The Dolphin Research Center, The Manatee Observation and Education Center, The Manatee Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, and The National Elephant Center.

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Accessing Resources and Understanding Systems

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Hart A

Presented by an Early Steps Family Resource Specialist, this workshop will help parents who have children birth to five years old get a jumpstart on finding and accessing resources in their local community and beyond. We will also share personal experiences and thinking 'outside of the box' to benefit you and your family. My experience comes from walking the path a few steps ahead of you and sharing my story.

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How Are My Child's Needs Met in the Classroom; Common Core Knowledge ¿Como son necesidades de mi hijo está cumpliendo en el aula?

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Hart B

How are my child's needs being met in the classroom? This is a question many parents ask. Answers will be discovered through learning about websites and specific information to assist you in knowing exactly what knowledge the teachers are sharing with your child. A brief look at the various standards in real people terms, and who they are incorporated into the classroom is a helpful place to start.

Esta es una pregunta que muchos padres se preguntan. Las respuestas pueden ser descubiertos a través del aprendizaje sobre los sitios web y la información específica para ayudarle a saber qué conocimiento exactamente los maestros están compartiendo con su hijo. Una breve Mirada a los diferentes estándares en términos reales de la gente y la forma en que se incorporan en el aula es un lugar útil para empezar.

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Cradle to Grave—Special Needs

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Highland A

This session will cover: the need for a 100-year plan, Legal Documents including Pre-Need Guardianship, Guardianship, Guardian Advocate, Special Needs Trust, Qualifying for both Medicaid and Medicare, and Group Homes. Money is available for minor children based upon the income of the parents, but once the child turns 19, the qualifications are based upon the income of the child. Also, adults with special needs can qualify to collect fifty percent of the parent's social security once the parent starts drawing social security and the amount increases to seventy-five percent upon the death of the parent.

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Trauma and Disabilities

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Highland B

This presentation will introduce a brief overview of trauma and why everyone should be aware of its importance in all aspects of life: what is trauma, and what are some possible causes of trauma; the importance of taking trauma into consideration in all aspects of life and care; the potential effects of trauma and the impact of trauma specifically on individuals with disabilities; available therapies for trauma; and defining trauma-informed care. Available resources regarding trauma-informed care will be provided.

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How to Start and Run a Successful Self-Advocacy Group

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Louise B

This presentation will have input from each of the 13 grassroots self-advocacy groups that make up Florida Self-Advocates Networked (FL SAND). We will discuss all the ins and outs of how to start and run a self-advocacy organization, as well as some of the things that have and haven't worked for our individual groups and our statewide organization as a whole.

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Care Coordination: Florida Health's Children's Medical Services Network

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Lucerne

Learn how Children's Medical Services Network care coordination services can assist you in accessing the needed services for your child with special health care needs. This presentation is focused on the role of the CMS Care Coordinator. Learn how CMS care coordination services will facilitate the partnership between you and the primary care and specialist physicians who care for your child. This session will also provide disaster planning information for your family. Time will be provided to answer your questions about Children's Medical Services and other resources you may need.

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Advocating for Students with Invisible Disabilities

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Mizell A

Despite OSEP letters and court decisions reinforcing their rights, students with invisible disabilities—including Asperger's, ADHD, and chronic medical conditions—have a harder time getting supports and services in school. This workshop will discuss specific strategies that can be utilized for overcoming school district objections to 504 or ESE eligibility, obtaining appropriate supports that meet these students' unique needs, and helping the students transition to future education and work. We will review the decisions and regulatory guidance that require schools to meet all the educational needs of students with disabilities, even when they have satisfactory grades and test scores.

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Benefits and Tax Savings for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Mizell B

Parents of children with special needs incur a myriad of expenses for their child or adult, including therapies, educational training, tutoring, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications, and medical supplies.

Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by tax professionals who are unfamiliar with the types and categorization of qualified expenses. These unique tax benefits may entitle parents to additional refunds.

Learn how to identify these often missed tax deductions, and other tools available to save on your family's federal and state income tax. This session includes a basic review of the tax implications of various types of Special Needs Trusts.

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Living in the Real World

Saturday, June 7
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Lake Monroe A

Come join some of The Florida Youth Council members as they share how they transitioned from High School into the real world. They will share what went well, what went poorly, and how they became more independent. They will share advice around workplace etiquette and how to take care of yourself. At the end, you will have a chance to ask them questions so that you can better prepare yourself for the real world.

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Building Communication: Enhance Family Relationships Through the Family Meeting

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Monroe B

One of the best ways to prepare your children for success in a democratic society is to teach them the "give and take" that comes with cooperative problem solving or decision making. One excellent way to do this is through Family Meetings. In this seminar, learn effective ways to improve communication with your children (while children learn communication with parents.) Develop stronger relationships through active communication based on honesty and respect. Practical tips will also be provide to guide you in further enhancing the relationship with your child (or with your parents.) No matter what the age or level of the child, everyone can be active participants in the family meeting!

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Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Nona B

Participants will learn about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact was developed in an effort to reduce the educational and emotional issues encountered when children of military personnel transfer from schools in one state to schools in another. It addresses the difference in requirements among states involving immunizations, the entrance ages for kindergarten and first grade, exit exams, and graduation requirements. It also includes provisions dealing with participating in extracurricular activities, course placement, enrollment in highly capable challenging programs, and other issues unique to the transitioning military family.

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Sign Language Myth-Busting

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Sheen A

Break through the myths and discover the ease and benefits of using sign language to stimulate and enhance communication in hearing children of all ages and abilities. Learn some signs you can use right away. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of sign to begin to enjoy its benefits. Come play and sign with us!

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School-to-Work Transition for Children with Disabilities

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Sheen B

The training will focus on Social Security benefits and resources, including Ticket to Work, PABSS, WIPAs, Employment Networks (including VR agencies), Medicaid/Medicare eligibility, and work incentives. The training will also discuss some of the interplay between schools, VR agencies, and employment. This is geared to transition-aged beneficiaries and their families.

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Creating an Environment That Can Increase Your Child's Success

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Virginia A



The 16th Annual Family Café

Parents can create an environment that will increase their child's success in life. My goal is to educate parents on various topics such as behavior, executive function, brain development, and more, thus empowering parents with knowledge so they can effectively help their child's journey and decrease their dependence on professionals.

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Assistive Technology

Saturday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Lake Virginia B

This presentation will focus on advocating for Assistive Technology and navigating the evaluation process and the Individual Education Plan for parents and caregivers of students in the Exceptional Student Education program. The presentation will cover 1003.575 Florida Statute and advocating for AT devices. Parents will learn the importance of assessments and how AT can assist in accessing curriculum and the least restrictive environment. The focus will be on AT and how it can help students gain educational benefits, and a discussion of the importance of assistive technology. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Early Steps Playgroup, Orlando VI**
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts, Orlando V**

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Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS): Recent Advancements in the Past Year

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Concord A

For those afflicted, men, women, and children with FMS, there is new hope for a correct diagnosis, recent treatment methods aimed at improving their quality of life. Coping strategies, accommodations at work and home, exercise, support groups, prescription medications, and behavioral changes will be discussed with the audience. Additionally, direct involvement by the audience is encouraged so that we learn from others who are in pursuit of a quality of life with FMS. Handouts will be provided to the attendees, and there will be a voluntary, short survey at the end of the presentation.

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Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Concord B

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This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster. It will also address what they need to put in their disaster to-go kit.

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What is Bilateral Brain Stimulation and How Can It Assist People With Disabilities As Well As Their Families?

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1:00-2:00

Lake Down A

Bilateral stimulation is a component of EMDR, which unlocks natural healing mechanisms in the mind, brain, and body. The workshop highlights both research and practical applications for autism, chronic pain, stress, anxiety, and traumatic stress, as well as goal attainment. Participants will learn how to simply unlock, access, and maximize the hidden power of the brain. Participants will be encouraged to explore ways in which the workshop can apply to everyday challenges in their lives. The presenter is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, self-advocate, family member, and a certified EMDR therapist with over twenty years of experience counseling.

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Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Down B

This session for moms will explore some of the reasons why dads do the things that they do, related to family involvement. Then the session will look at strategies that moms can use to help encourage dad to be more involved with a child with special needs and the additional responsibilities that often surround raising the child.

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Unlock the Doors to Employment: Keys Available Through Your CareerSource Network

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Eola A

Employment opportunities are critical to the success of Florida's citizens. Florida's CareerSource Network and its partners provide a dynamic statewide workforce system that aims to meet the needs of jobseekers and employers. This workshop will provide an overview of Florida's workforce system, the



Disability Navigator Program, and discuss strategies to build effective partnerships with the local workforce boards, and improve access to workforce services in your community. At the conclusion of this session, participants will be familiar with the structure of Florida's workforce system and the services available to assist all Floridians to "Get Back to Work."

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Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Eola B

Dr. Verra-Tirado will provide participants with an update on the latest initiatives and activities of the Bureau, which administers education programs for students with disabilities, coordinates student services throughout the state, and participates in multiple inter-agency efforts designed to strengthen the quality and variety of services available to students with special needs.

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Effective Interventions for Children with Cerebral Palsy: Part I

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Florence A

There are many treatments that exist for children with Cerebral Palsy. However, many are not research-based or proven effective. This course will discuss the many treatments (surgical, medical, and therapy) that are available and which have been proven effective and which have not. This course will assist parents and caregivers to determine which treatments may be most appropriate for their child to maximize their child's function.

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Let's Have Fun! Creat Your Own Games

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Florence B

Learn about games for children and adults of all abilities that can be made with simple household objects and everyday materials at a low cost. Games help develop self-confidence and peer interaction, alleviate stress, and improve health and wellness. This session will show how the whole family can participate together.

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Dream Big, It's Your Life! Tips for Self-Determination and Transition

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake George B

This session will feature two very self-determined young women who have combined vision and hearing loss. Tiffany has Usher Syndrome and a cochlear implant and is oral. Divya is DB due to an illness, has a cochlear implant only for environmental sounds, and uses ASL. They will share their personal experiences in high school and college and how they have used self-determination along their transition process. They will share some of their accomplishments and tips for family members and teachers in supporting students during transition. Emily will share strategies to enhance self-determination and planning for the future and resources for educators and families. Come with your questions!

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Married with Special Needs (The Early Years)

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Hart A

Presented by an Early Steps Family Resource Specialist, you will learn one couple's challenges with their marriage and what has helped to make it strong enough to survive. Bring your spouse and come to learn together how a couple has stayed 'sometimes' happily married for 20 years. This workshop is geared toward families whose children are birth to five-years-old.

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God Created Me Too

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
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Sandra Henderson and Tajullah Stokes are the authors of the book God Created Me Too. It's about the journey they had to face with a son/brother with autism growing up into manhood. Please join them to hear their story.

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Enhancing Lives Through Assistive Services and Technology

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Highland A

FAAST (the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology), a non-profit organization sponsored by the Florida Department of Education/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the State of Florida, has one mission. That mission is to improve the quality of life for all Floridians with disabilities through advocacy and awareness activities that increase access to and acquisition of assistive services and technology. FAAST values each individual's right to achieve their highest potential and the possibilities that can be realized through collaborative efforts focused on the goal of improving life for Floridians with and without disabilities.

Andre Howard has been with the company and in the business of helping these special individuals in need for over a decade and doesn't see a stop sign anytime soon. The husband and father of three values the importance of providing assistance where it's needed, not just in Florida, but worldwide.

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Ask a Therapist

Saturday, June 7
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Lake Highland B

This presentation is geared toward families and individuals with disabilities. Having access to quality behavioral health services is absolutely critical for all individuals, but especially for individuals with disabilities. Participants will engage in a discussion about mental health topics relevant to individuals with disabilities and their families. Topics will include a discussion about mental health treatment options for individuals and the impact of disability on the family. This presentation will be an open discussion facilitated by two mental health professionals.

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The Anime Connection: How Japanese Anime and Comics Can Be Used to Teach Disability Awareness

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Louise B

Japanese anime, comics, and video games are a common social interest among individuals with disabilities. Comic and anime conventions are also places where such individuals are often socially accepted. In addition, some comics and anime series often teach lessons in disability awareness. In this presentation, an individual with autism who has visited several of these cons will discuss how these mediums can be meaningful tools to teach disability awareness, and how people in the anime and comics world have created places of acceptance for individuals with disabilities.

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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Lucerne

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the annual conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Down Syndrome. Sessions on Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and Mental Health will also be held.



DIVAbility: Our New Way of Creating Independence, Happiness, and Perspective with Disability

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Mizell A

Two glamour experts/young professionals with disabilities guide you through a hopeful, hilarious, informative boot camp that will help you find your best self and accept who you are. This session will discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly of what young adults with disabilities experience, and how to overcome most of our setbacks with the right plan and perspective. We will talk about:

- College and Education
- Living Away from Home
- Traveling with a Physical Disability
- Overcoming Tough Times in Romantic Relationships
- Self-Esteem, Pity, and Goals
- Navigating Your Services
- Jobs and Disability
- Hygiene and Fashion that Actually Embrace Your Disability.

We will help you learn to use your disability to find the happiest and most fabulous "You." Come with your tough questions for us! We will also be giving out information on our new blog, so the learning won't end here.



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The 16th Annual Family Café

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Provide for Your Child and Plan for Retirement? Not Impossible!

Saturday, June 7
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Lake Mizell B

Joe is a nationally recognized educator on this very specific type of planning. This presentation will examine how to plan for your retirement and still provide support for your loved one with special needs. It will also touch on such topics as: protection of government benefits, wills, different types of trusts, how HIPAA laws can affect direction of care, health care surrogates, living wills, durable power of attorney, how to fund special needs trusts, guardianship, and accepting a financial gift—what not to do. Finally, you will have the opportunity to receive a letter of attendance via email after attending this presentation. This is truly a session not to be missed. An hour of your time—a lifetime of information!

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Sailing Through Transition

Saturday
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Lake Monroe B

My child is turning three and leaving the Early Steps program. Now what's going to happen? What are my options? Where and how does my child receive services? What steps do I need to take to ensure the best for my child? If you find yourself asking these questions, then this workshop is for you. Family Resource Specialists Sue Loftis, Laura Mainor, and Sandy Reid will do their very best to answer these questions for you. This workshop, part of the New Star training series, was written by and for families. Through parent to parent support, we can help one another.

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Sibshops

Saturday, June 7
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Lake Nona A

Brothers and sisters will have the longest lasting relationship with a sibling who has a disability or special health care need. During their lives, they will experience most of the unique concerns and joys their parents do. But few siblings of kids with special needs ever have a chance to talk about their issues with others who "get it." This workshop will offer siblings a chance to meet other kids whose brothers and sisters have special needs too. They'll talk about the good and the not-so-good parts of having a sibling with a disability. Most importantly, they'll have fun! Sibshop participants will play lively games and make new friends.

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This session will be limited to brothers and sisters 8 to 13 years old who have a sibling with a disability or special health care need.

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Inspiration and Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Nona B

Deployment into active duty and re-entrance into civilian life can be challenging transitions for military families. Robert E. Streater, III, MA (U.S. Army Veteran) offers words of encouragement through personal stories and biblical truths. Inspiration and Encouragement for Active Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs: The audience will explore tools to help them deal with transition issues such as post-traumatic stress, financial hardships, wounded relationships, and raising a child with special needs. This workshop is custom designed from the perspectives of both a military service person and a parent with a child with special needs, this insightful workshop not only offers encouragement to military families, but also includes suggestions on how others can provide support.

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Strengthening Your Core: Building Vocabulary Muscles for Stability and Independence

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Lake Sheen A

This presentation will provide a brief overview of core vocabulary and the importance of utilizing these words for individuals who need/utilize Augmentative and/or Alternative Communication (AAC). Core vocabulary, by definition, is a set of words used for communication, regardless of context. About 80% of the words we use in our day-to-day conversations will be core.

Teaching these words to individuals using AAC is particularly important. In this session, participants will develop an understanding of what core vocabulary is and how it can be represented across AAC devices and vocabulary systems.

Participants will explore core vocabulary as it applies to social and academic environments, as well as utilize a manual communication board containing core words to better understand their practical application.

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Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Sheen B

This session is oriented towards consumers of public benefits, their family members, and caring advocates.

This session will discuss the employment of persons with disabilities and the impact of employment on Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. It will provide updates to the programs including Partnership Plus and upcoming changes. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are affected and can be maintained through Ticket to Work, SSI an SSDI employment support programs, and the use of trusts for maintaining Medicaid eligibility, all in plain, understandable language.

Knowing the partners and navigating the systems, knowing the programs and what is available, speaking the language and buzz words of the organization, and knowing the safety nets which are available in each program will take you one more step closer to making tomorrow's vision today's reality.

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What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Virginia A

Spanish Session

What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?? The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview and updates of the program. This presentation will include the application and enrollment process, as well as program requirements as described in the CDC+ Rule. A panel of parent Liaisons will be present to share their experiences and the services they used while on the CDC+ program. The second half of this session will be lecture-free to allow the audience to ask questions.

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When the Team Can't Come to Consensus, What's Next?

Saturday, June 7

1:00-2:00

Lake Virginia B

Miscommunications can often lead to IEP breakdown. It can be very difficult dealing with the intricacies of negotiating such a sensitive area. Parents need to understand how to resolve disagreements and the benefit of mediation as a tool for conflict resolution. Due Process is not always a viable solution. This presentation will cover how to work toward resolving disagreements between the parent and the school. We will also address informal conflict resolution and mediation, State Complaints, Office of Civil Rights Complaints, and Due Process Hearings. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Early Steps Playgroup

Saturday, June 7
1:00-2:00
Orlando VI

Our playgroups are open to all children from 0-5 years old and are designed to take part in activities that help to stimulate development, to participate in group play, to interact with peers, to socialize with families that can relate to what you are experiencing, and to find ideas and solutions to the many challenges that arise. Please join us!

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children's Storyteller, Orlando V

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Healthy Living: Getting Fit for Medical Appointments

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Concord A

Living a healthy active lifestyle is important to persons of all abilities. Some people with disabilities experience difficulty accessing community-based resources which support healthy active lifestyles and facilitate effective communication with medical professionals. It is important for individuals of all abilities to learn how to exercise self-advocacy skills during health-related appointments and facilitate health relationships with healthcare professionals. This presentation will focus on promoting healthy living for individuals with disabilities. We will discuss health concerns for people with disabilities, promote employment of self-advocacy skills during medical appointments, and outline the importance of increased physical activity for persons of all abilities. Parents, caregivers, and professionals are provided practical strategies to support healthy, active lifestyles.

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Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Concord B

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit, and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and identify free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session, you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit, and then finally how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate, or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily.

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What Technology Tools Can Be Used to Help Your Child to Think Critically?

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Down A

Children should be taught how to think, not what to think. Teachers are using a number of techniques in the classroom to help students learn how to think critically. What can you do at home to continue strengthening their critical thinking skills, and help them to solve their own problems? This session will provide information to help you ask the right questions to foster critical thinking in your child.

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New Horizon Loan Program

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Lake Down B

The New Horizon Loan (NHL) Program is an alternative assistive technology finance program under the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, Section 4 (e)(2)(A) designed to assist individuals with disabilities to borrow money at reasonable interest rates for the purchase of assistive technologies. In this power point presentation, you'll see how the New Horizon Business Loan Program is a similar program that can assist qualified persons with disabilities who are seeking employment through self-employment opportunities. These are low interest rate loan programs that may offer below market interest rates that can help keep your loan payment low along with no prepayment penalty features.

More information about the New Horizon Loan Program can be found online or by contacting Melanie Quinton, New Horizon Loan Program Director, with contact information at the end of the presentation.

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Meet Robert L. Doyle, III, Director, Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education

Saturday, June 7

2:30-3:30

Lake Eola A

Mr. Doyle will present an update of the initiatives and priorities he has established since he joined the Division of Blind Services (DBS) in July 2013. DBS offers a variety of services to Floridians whose visual impairments significantly affect their ability to participate in daily activities. DBS programs provide valuable training to assist individuals who are blind, as well as those with usable but diminished vision. Blindness and diminished vision (often called low vision) can lead to developmental delays, poor performance in school, reduced earnings in the workforce, and difficulty for seniors seeking maximum independence. DBS services are available to help remove barriers to education, employment and independence.

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What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

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Lake Eola B

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Effective Interventions for Children with Cerebral Palsy: Part II

Saturday, June 7

2:30-3:30

Lake Florence A

There are many treatments that exist for children with Cerebral Palsy. However, many are not research-based or proven effective. This course will discuss the many treatments (surgical, medical, and therapy) that are available, and which have been proven effective and which have not. This course will assist parents and caregivers to determine which treatments may be most appropriate for their child to maximize their child's function.

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Don't Dis My Abilities

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The autobiography of Georgia Southern alum Adrian N. Peterson, the NCAA's Division I career leading rusher, "Don't Dis My Abilities," was released last year through Imprint Publishing. Through stories of victories and times of struggle, Peterson brings attention to his on-going challenges with stuttering, the embrace of a campus community, and standing in faith through his infant daughter's medical crisis.

Now a motivational speaker, Peterson has traveled from state to state sharing his message to others to encourage and motivate them to strive and reach their goals in life. You will get a chance to meet him, hear about his amazing story with a great message that includes his family and parents, hard work, faith, and how a very difficult speech disability only motivated him to fight harder to reach his goals in life. His book, "Don't Dis My Abilities" is inspiring and full of hope.

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What is 4-H?

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Lake George A

Is 4-H for me? Bring your questions and learn how 4-H can enrich your life skills. Youth involved in 4-H have been making a difference for over 100 years. Over 230,000 boys and girls from ages 5-18 participate in community and school clubs throughout Florida. Youth learn citizenship, explore life skills through over 100 projects, and have FUN doing it! You only need 5 youth from two separate families and an adult volunteer.

Volunteers must be 21 years of age, with a background screening and application. Training will be held in the county you live in. Project areas include animals, gardening, sewing, photography, robotics, visual arts, and much, much more.

Join us today to experience 4-H projects, and a sample lesson from a project. Gather your friends and join us for a fun time!

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Ms. Wheelchair America 2014

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Lake George B

Jennifer Adams was raised in a unique family where she was adopted along with 5 other siblings, all having special needs. Her parents were advocates for her education, success, and independence. Jennifer has a passion to inspire parents who have children with disabilities to be equipped advocates. Today she is going to share her success story with us. Please welcome Ms. Wheelchair America 2014!

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Recycled Toy Ideas and High Tech Tools for Infants and Toddlers

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Hart A

Presented by an Early Steps Family Resource Specialist, this workshop will show you some easy low-tech ideas to help your developing infant or toddler, using everyday items around your home and creating items by recycling. We will also share some of the ideas and fascination of using high-tech tools (such as the iPad) with your child, in addition to the cautions and concerns of using these items too much with children under the age of three.

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Questions I Ask Myself

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Hart B

Questions are the best way to discover who a person is, especially with those with a disability. By asking the necessary questions, someone can learn all about the person and the disability in itself. Questions like: What are your disabilities? And how do you cope with said disability? These questions are basic to understanding disabilities. By demonstrating this with my own life, I will explain how this can be done. I will also explain how someone with a disability can clearly describe their disabilities.

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Sugar Blues

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Highland A

Sugar is an especially important subject for those with special needs, as food directly influences behavior, learning, brain fog, and regularity. If you live in America, you can benefit from this information! We have an epidemic of obesity and chronic illness. My intention is to permanently change the audience's relationship with sugar—because our lives depend on it. This is an interactive workshop with the audience. It will include take-home tips and handouts about silent inflammation and the perfect "nutritional storm." Sugar (often hidden) can bring on serious health problems, including obesity, Type II Diabetes, heart disease, some cancers, allergies, increased rate of aging, and immune system and brain disorders.

Here is a chance to get a handle on what you eat and drink, not through will power or discipline, but by understanding what causes those crazy, uncontrollable cravings and knowing that you can reduce them naturally over time, resulting in more energy, being younger looking, feeling better, and being in control of your well-being.

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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Highland B

The presentation will provide an overview of Florida's Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services. Participants will learn about how these changes will affect the Developmental Disabilities population. Emphasis will be placed on their enrollment options.



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How to Get the Best Services for You

Saturday, June 7
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Lake Louise B

The purpose of this interactive presentation is to provide education on the importance of self-advocacy and share tips and ways to evaluate services you receive. The session will include a discussion of how you can evaluate your services, questions to ask of your providers, and a role-playing session with individuals currently receiving services.

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

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Lake Lucerne

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Early Steps Baker's Rack

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Mizell A

This presentation will provide hot off the "baker's rack" information directly from the Early Steps State Office, including policy changes, program priorities, and opportunities for you to get more involved. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and get answers straight from the policy-makers at the state office.

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LifePlanning®: Offering Peace of Mind Through Future Planning

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Mizell B

The Levine LifePlanning® program, a free service of Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service, provides information and one-on-one consultation to families for the purpose of developing future planning "next steps" for their children or siblings with disabilities. This presentation will provide an overview of the program, which involves understanding the importance of future planning and reviewing essential steps one should take to begin the process. Important areas will be discussed, such as benefits, financial and legal planning, residential options, and the importance of socialization. Participants will gain insight into how they can be strong advocates and better prepared for future decision making.

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Advocates Unite!

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Monroe A

Being an advocate can be difficult at times. Sometimes all advocates need some encouragement to help them continue to support and enhance the lives to those whom they are advocating for. In this session the members of The Florida Youth Council will bring together advocates and provide the encouragement needed for you to continue to be the very best advocate possible.

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Micro-Enterprise Transition: The Road to Work

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Monroe B

Micro-Enterprise is customized self-employment where you are the boss and the employee. You work at your own pace and with what works with your ability and your disability. Micro-Enterprise is a great option to transition into employment when traditional jobs just don't work for you. Micro-Enterprise can be done in IEP's as part of your transition training while you are in school. This process can also use Vocational Rehab and can involve test jobs at trial sites.

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Sibshops

Saturday, June 7
1:00-3:30
Lake Nona A



Brothers and sisters will have the longest lasting relationship with a sibling who has a disability or special health care need. During their lives, they will experience most of the unique concerns and joys their parents do. But few siblings of kids with special needs ever have a chance to talk about their issues with others who "get it." This workshop will offer siblings a chance to meet other kids whose brothers and sisters have special needs too. They'll talk about the good and the not-so-good parts of having a sibling with a disability. Most importantly, they'll have fun! Sibshop participants will play lively games and make new friends.

This session will be limited to brothers and sisters 8 to 13 years old who have a sibling with a disability or special health care need.

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Kids Connect!

Saturday, June 7
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This session is for military and non-military children. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) supports youth when their parent is deployed through various youth activities and programs throughout the state. Come have a Fantastically Unbelievable Never-gonna-forget-it-time with us and meet the children of those serving our great country. Make a treasure box or a paracord Friendship bracelet. Additional information packets may be available with other activities for youth.

Youth will be required to complete a registration card to help OMK contact you with future programs in your area.

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ABCs of PBS: Understanding and Addressing Children's Behavioral Concerns

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Sheen A

Positive behavior support is an individualized, research-based process that incorporates the principles of applied behavior analysis and person and family-centered practices to improve behavior. The overarching goal is to produce lasting changes in the quality of life for children, families, and those who support them. It involves identifying goals and behaviors of concern, analyzing patterns surrounding the child's behavior, and developing strategies to prevent, teach, and manage behavior. This presentation will provide an overview of the concepts of positive behavior support, illustrate through examples and application, and detail how these principles can be utilized for all individuals.

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Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Saturday, June 7

2:30-3:30

Lake Sheen B

This session will discuss the options for gaining employment for persons with disabilities and how earned income impacts SSDI, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how these benefits are impacted and how the use of trusts can maintain Medicaid eligibility.

The session will also discuss the importance of partnerships and collaboration in navigating the complex state and federal systems, with the ultimate goal of making you a more effective advocate and advisor. This session will increase your ability to advise and plan for the future by helping you to understand how the same employment earnings impact each type of public benefit differently.

This session will discuss the employment of persons with disabilities and the impact of employment on Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. It will provide updates to the programs including Partnership Plus and upcoming changes. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are affected and can be maintained through Ticket to Work, SSI and SSDI employment support programs, and the use of trusts for maintaining Medicaid eligibility, all in plain, understandable language.

Knowing the partners and navigating the systems, knowing the programs and what is available, speaking the language and buzz words of the organization, and knowing the safety nets which are available in each program will take you one step closer to making tomorrow's vision today's reality.

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Shining Through Your Challenge: Finding the Positive in the Negative

Saturday, June 7

2:30-3:30

Lake Virginia A

Receiving a diagnosis can be a difficult time in life, for parents, for families, and for individuals. But a diagnosis is not the end of the road. For many parents and individuals with disabilities, it can be a detour to another destination, a calling to their unique mission in life. I believe many individuals with disabilities are being called to make an impact on those around them.

By pushing hard I believe individuals with challenges and their families can still see the beauty in life, and learn to live well, despite their circumstances. You might find your disability is a blessing in disguise. My presentation "Shining through Your Challenge; Finding the Positive in the Negative" encourages hope in families and individuals by sharing how others have beaten the odds by pushing harder, never giving



in to obstacles. Some individuals with challenges inspire and encourage us by accomplishing amazing things. Learning to rise above limitations and pushing through tough circumstances are ways one can deal with difficulties and shine through their challenges.

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Transition Individual Education Planning: Yes There is Life After High School, and What to Expect

Saturday, June 7
2:30-3:30
Lake Virginia B

This presentation will focus on navigating the Transition Individual Education Plan process for parents and caregivers of students planning to exit the Exceptional Student Education program. This is a co-presentation with a student who has successfully completed the transition from high school to postsecondary and an advocate. Parents will learn the importance of drafting an appropriate transition plan. Also covered will be accommodations to assist the student to access the appropriate postsecondary options, and a discussion on the importance of related services and assistive technology. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenters and participants.

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4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Let's Just Do It!

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Concord A

This session will help motivate everyone to "Just Get It Done." We will discuss: 1- Reasons we don't just do it, 2- Actions for not doing it, 3- Motivation, 4- Advocacy, 5- Getting results and being heard. Everyone is welcome to this session.

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Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering for Children with Special Needs: Special Needs Shelters and You

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Concord B

Emergencies can occur without warning. Where will your family go when disaster strikes? What would you do if you had to leave your home for several days? If you have a child with special needs, planning becomes critical. This presentation is focused on the role of special needs shelters for families, and how

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preparing in advance and working together as a team makes a big difference in an emergency. Being prepared is your best protection and your responsibility. This session is sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

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IEP Rights – Instructional Manual for Dads

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Down A

Procedural Safeguards? Rights and Responsibilities? To sign or not to sign? And so many more questions! There should be an instruction manual that is simple and precise! Where can I find this instructional manual?

Join me for this workshop and get the answers you need to be a well-informed member of your child's educational planning team, and the tools you need to do it.

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Gulf Coast Regional Demonstration Center

Saturday, June 7
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Considered key cores of FFAST, the Regional Demonstration Centers, are assets when it comes to serving the individuals with disabilities throughout the state of Florida. In this presentation, the RDC's are introduced with centers ranging from Tallahassee, to Jacksonville, to Orlando, down to Miami, all specializing in everything from general contact info, knowledge of housing, information & referral, along with a detailed description of the Assistive Technology Program each RDC offers.

Equipped with many examples of AT, anyone new and curious to the world of Assistive Technology will have a much better understanding by the end of this descriptive, informative presentation.

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Enrichment Session for Women: Pitiful or Powerful ... You Can't Choose Both—How Do You Rate?

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Eola A

There's an older song—some might remember the lyrics—that goes, "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to, cry if I want to, cry if I want..." How pitiful! Our strength derives from our joy and happiness. Think about it. When we are in a good place, everything goes well. But, when we're sad, we feel like a "Hot Mess"



although we wouldn't dare admit it. Women, we have MUCH on our plates. We have become master jugglers and multi-taskers. There are times when the pressures, burdens, weights, trials, tests, or whatever you want to call it, can get the best of us. Remember we are human, while operating on a "Wonder Woman" schedule. Regardless of the circumstances surrounding us, we must keep it moving in a strong, positive flow.

This workshop is designed to strengthen, encourage and inspire! The past year has been most difficult with physical challenges, family, relationship and financial issues; coupled with the death of my mother. I felt drained and numbed by it all. I felt that I had justifiable reasons to have a major year-long pity party and cry all that I needed to "feel" better. I shut down. However, I quickly learned that was NOT the answer. Then an excellent family friend and godfather of our twins sent me a text that read: "Sister Streater, We can be pitiful or we can be Powerful, but we Can't be both! Choose to be victorious in 2014." He also sent me a text to say, "Be Positive or Be Quiet! Don't raise your voice. In the silence God lives, fulfills, reveals, unfolds, heals and restores." These messages helped to change my mindset of how I viewed myself and my situation!

All WOMEN (sorry, husbands and boyfriends) are welcome to this motivational session! Come and share in the experience that will uplift you to be the Powerful woman that is within you!!!

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Disabled Veterans Job Club Forum

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Seeking employment as a disabled military veteran can be challenging. Veterans are challenged by ongoing transitions from military life, which may encompass different jobs, duty stations, and highly stressful situations like combat. Transitioning to civilian life also comes with stress, which can include transitions to home life, finding work, adjusting to private life, the workforce, or returning to school. This Forum is designed to discuss these issues and hopefully assist with finding solutions to finding careers. Together, along with community partners, we will discuss issues and discover resources to help with resolving these barriers.

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The Importance of Early Assisted Mobility in Children with Disabilities

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Florence A

Mobility is important for normal cognitive and social development in children. Independent mobility results in the development of depth perception and object permanence, and it prevents the development of learned helplessness. As children with disabilities have difficulty crawling and walking, augmented mobility is very important. The effects of mobility on development will be discussed. This talk will include research on the use of powered mobility devices in very young children, including the use on non-conventional devices. The positive effects of mobility and how this applies to all children with mobility limitation will also be discussed.

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Broken to Competitor: Dare to Dream

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Florence B

Have you ever felt like life has beaten you down and giving up?

Come hear from two people, who at one time felt life may be hopeless, but turned adversity into opportunity, and later, triumph. Each of their stories describe their journeys of how many times people told them to only expect the ability of accomplishing the basic daily activities. However, deep inside themselves they knew they needed more out of life, and each had a greater potential. Find out what sparked their passions and ultimately led them on a journey to victories most thought were out of reach.

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The John McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Saturday, June 7
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George A

The Department of Education's Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will present information about the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. This program was established to provide Florida parents and students with educational options, and operates under the premise that the parents should make decisions regarding their child's education. The program offers student-directed funding and parent-directed choices. The presentation will include eligibility requirements, participation statistics, and requirements for private schools, public school districts, and parent/student responsibility.

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Self-Advocacy 101

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake George B

This session aims to provide a "how to" guide for budding self-advocates and those in their circle of support who want to learn the nuts and bolts of how to advocate for yourself. The session will help participants to understand how to identify issues and decision-makers who will help them become an active part of the problem solving process. The interactive session will also give tips on how to effectively communicate with allies to get the desired results.



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Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Saturday, June 7
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Based on the "New Star" Training of Early Steps, this presentation has been created for families and children with special needs who have recently been diagnosed, and for those who need a guide to overcome fears and start dreaming new dreams.

Created by Eliana Tardio, mother of two children with Down syndrome, this presentation is a practical guide on how to overcome the diagnosis, how to gain confidence, and how to keep motivated and walking to the future with hope. Presented by Doris Tellado, Early Steps Family Resource Specialist and proud mother of two wonderful boys.

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Life Lessons: Seven Keys to Unlock Your Child's Potential

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Hart B

This presentation is designed to inform and educate by sharing information and "practical tips"... done through lessons learned from "real life" with a child with special needs. It describes real life situations backed-up with positive solutions, and provides seven keys that will help you unlock your child's potential. Learn the key to acceptance and the "ABC's" of what being an advocate really means. Learn where to go to find resources and how to contact them. Chantai Snellgrove, Founder of Parenting Special Needs Magazine, shares her experiences of how she approached challenges and figured out a better way. She provides helpful tips and solutions to the challenges of parenting a child with special needs.

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Service Dogs in School: What Does the Law Say?

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Highland A

Service animals assist students in their daily lives and in accessing their school environment. Service animals can foster independence and allow students with disabilities to access the least restrictive environment. Parents need to know the requirements under the law in allowing service animals on the school campus and on school-provided transportation. The presentation will cover the law and advocacy strategies to assist families in advocating for access for the student and service dog to the school campus. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Airport Backstage Pass

Saturday, June 7

4:00-5:00

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Did you know that when a person with a disability travels by air about 15 airline employees come in contact with their travel experience? With the right tools and the understanding of how airlines and airports function, a person with a disability can manage their own travel experience without a lot of stress or frustration. Over 15 million people with disabilities traveled on US air carriers in 2013. This may be the year you venture out and see the world on your own terms. Because people with disabilities have other things to consider, this presentation will focus on what to expect at every step along the travel ribbon and what to do if you experience issues or problems. Participants will learn what to expect when they travel on Delta, who to contact and how to plan, prepare, and anticipate some of the challenges we all face when traveling by air.

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Vision Awareness – Do You See What I See?

Saturday, June 7

4:00-5:00

Lake Louise B

Parents/guardians will have a better understanding of what happens during an eye exam and the necessity for yearly exams. Common optical questions will be answered, such as “Which eye doctor is best for me?” and “How can my child’s eye be tested if they do not talk?” With a PowerPoint and open forum, many questions will be answered. A well-educated parent/guardian will result in a happy experience for the child who has to wear glasses.

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And Then Comes the Baby Carriage ... Pregnancy and Parenting with a Disability

Saturday, June 7

4:00-5:00

Lake Mizell A

Spend time with Christinne Rudd for an inspiring story of overcoming obstacles in her path because of Cerebral Palsy, from doctors saying she'd never make anything of herself, to graduating from UCF, first with a Bachelor's in Legal Studies, then a Master's in Criminal Justice. She'll discuss being pregnant and the reaction she received from the public and healthcare providers. She'll share how each stage of her pregnancy affected her mobility, and the joys of parenting. You'll learn how she's able to meet her son's needs despite her limitations. After this session, you'll approach things like you hadn't before.

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Special Needs: Estate Planning and Practical Considerations

Saturday, June 7
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Attendees will learn what estate planning involves, regardless of the size of the family member's "estate." Attendees will learn about the difference between trusts; testamentary trusts under a Last Will and Testament; revocable trusts versus irrevocable trusts; special needs trusts; third party versus first party (d4A; d4C); free-standing special needs trusts versus death provision special needs trusts. Practical considerations are issues such as (a) Who should serve as lifetime trustees? (b) Pro's and Con's of corporate fiduciaries versus family/friends serving as trustee(s); (c) How much in terms of assets is required to fund a special needs trust for acceptance by a corporate fiduciary?; (d) How much in terms of assets is required to protect the beneficiary over a lifetime?; (e) Individual trustee versus co-trustees, including trust protectors. In addition, when is the person with developmental disabilities able to establish his/her own incapacity and estate planning documents?

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It's All About Social Interaction (Youth Only)

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Lake Monroe A

Life is all about interacting with peers. This can be very challenging, especially when you have a disability. The members of The Florida Youth Council know just how difficult the prospect of interacting with peers can be. They also know that it is a vital part of life. In this session they will share their experiences and insight on how to successfully interact with your peers.

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SABE Region 6 Represent

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
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SABE is the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered, the national self-advocate organization. The Region 6 is the southern states: Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama. We are a united region that works on issues important to all self-advocates and families of self-advocates. Come learn how you can join and be part of the movement on employment, housing, and transportation.

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Resources for Military Families

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Nona B

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Come and learn about military-based resources available for Florida military families who have children with special health care needs. Resources are available statewide from a host of service providers. We are here to support you!

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Sibling Perspective Panel—Growing Up with a Sibling with Special Needs—Tips on How to Have a Closer Family Bond

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Sheen A

Lourdes Quintana, Central Florida Early Steps Director, along with Wilmaris Colon, a teen with two older brothers with Cerebral Palsy, and a panel of siblings will discuss what it is like growing up with a sibling who has special needs. Tips will be shared to assist families in helping all of their children. Information will be presented by a member of the Florida Alliance for Sibling Advocates and Sib Shop info will also be given. Examples of children's literature will also be shared that will help with family discussions. Questions will be welcome.

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Understanding School-to-Work: Vocational Rehabilitation Updates

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The Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation assists secondary education school students with disabilities to transition from school into postsecondary education, training, or directly into employment, with the ultimate goal of inclusion in the adult community as productive citizens. Participants will learn about the recent updates to the Vocational Rehabilitation process—including applying for services, timelines for referrals, eligibility guidelines, evaluations, rehabilitation planning, and scope of services.

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How to Be a Professional When You Have a Child with Special Needs

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Lake Virginia A

Life isn't easy as a single parent of a child with autism. How can one have a social life, complete a higher education, or even go shopping? How can one cope knowing that your child will live with you for the rest of your life? What about after you are gone: who will care for your child? These subjects cannot be taught to anyone in particular, nor can one person dictate what is right for another parent. This is an open forum discussion of all participants with an attorney who has begun this journey and is still seeking answers and guidance.



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Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

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This workshop will help parents use iPad apps to shape their child's behavior. There are many apps available to use for scheduling, timers, rewards, and organization. This would be especially helpful for parents with children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD or ADHD), Autism (ASD), Asperger's, Specific Learning Disability (SLD), or Emotional Behavioral Disability (EBD). So bring your iPad and let's find the apps!

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Baywatchers Show How We Are All Born2Swim with Tropical Miami Civitan Special Olympics

Saturday, June 7
4:00-5:00
Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to promote water safety.

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5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

Dads' Chat

Saturday, June 7
5:00-7:00
Hospitality Suite 912

Back by popular demand! Wanna hang out? Nah! Oh, just come anyway! It's the Dad to Dad Man Cave Chat (no women allowed)! Whether you were able to attend last year or not, please join Mark Keith and Tom Nurse. It will be RELAXING, and you will meet other dads. Mark and Tom come with professional backgrounds and are parents of children with special needs as well, so they have lots to share! We will also talk about experiences and concerns of interest to you.

Yes, this was the same event offered over the last couple of years. So do come again!

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Mark Keith
Training Coordinator
Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf

Tom Nurse
Financial Advisor
Manning & Nurse: Personal Financial Advisors for Families with Special Needs

Moms' Chat

Saturday, June 7
5:00-7:00
Hospitality Suite 975

When we are together as mothers sharing our experience as parents of children with special needs – it feels good!! We can empathize and be compassionate to each other and our unique situations. We have something in common (our children). We can also learn, laugh and build friendships.

Here is an opportunity to experience all that is mentioned above.... We invite you to join us for an informal relaxing chat. So who are we? We are Pam Kissoondyal and Shelly Voelker. We are both professionals as well as parents of children with special needs so we have lots to share! We will also talk about your experiences and your concerns.

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Compartiendo en Familiar!

Saturday, June 7
5:00-7:00
Hospitality Suite 957

¡Que bien nos sentimos cuando nos reunimos con otros padres con situaciones similares a las nuestras! Podemos compartir experiencias en común, aprender, reír y hasta hacer amigos.

El Programa Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf-Blind Collaborative junto al Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf te ofrecen la oportunidad de conocer y platicar en Español con otros padres de niños con necesidades especiales. ¡Te invitamos a que te unas a nosotros en un ambiente relajado, alegre y familiar!

Moderado por Doris Tellado, mama de un niño con necesidades especiales y Especialista en Recursos para la familia para Early Steps.

Sabado 7de junio, 2014 desde las 5:00 p.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Family Café Photo Booth**, Orlando Ballroom
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show**, Orlando Ballroom



Saturday Entertainment Highlights



SATURDAY



Brazilian Voices, a non-profit organization, is a women's vocal ensemble that performs at cultural community and philanthropic events. Brazilian Voices aspires to incorporate the best of Brazilian culture throughout the world. It has won the coveted International Brazilian Press Award for the past 10 years. Four years ago, they expanded their mission, creating an arts and healing group. They sing in hospitals and nursing homes, bringing hope and healing to patients at bed-side.

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Foyer
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brazilian Voices**, Orlando IV

Long-time Café favorites, The **Pyramid Players**, are back for the 7th consecutive year. Four song and dance ensembles, from Tampa, Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola, will captivate Café participants between sessions on Friday and Saturday. You don't want to miss these tributes to the abilities of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 P.M. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer



Arts & Crafts VSA Florida presents some arts and crafts for all ages and abilities. Come have fun and learn about some new art things. Come make a clay plaque with a saying on it. Learn how to make a bead necklace or color a little wooden car. Presented by Lori Emly, VSA Brevard and VSA Florida.



1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Orlando V

Mr. Richard's first children's album, "Might as Well Sing," recorded in 2005, won him many awards and recognition, including Parent Magazine and the Children's Music Web Awards Best Recording for Children ages 5-8. Richard's latest album includes whimsical musings for dancing kids and hip parents with a mix of styles. When Mr. Richard isn't doing special performances he can be seen around Central Florida singing with children at local bookstores during story time.



Mr. Richard will be performing on Saturday, June 7th for four 20 minute performances, 2:00-2:20, 2:30-2:50, 3:00-3:20, and 3:30-3:50.

Don't miss out on this wonderful musical experience for toddlers, young children, and parents alike!

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Mr. Richard, Children's Storyteller**, Orlando V

Family Café Photo Booth

Come and commemorate The 16th Annual Family Café by getting your photo taken for FREE at The Family Café photo booth. This exciting opportunity will be available at the back of the room before and during the Family Entertainment featuring The Big Big DJ Show. There will be props of all types for everyone to express themselves. Photos will be available just moments after being taken and everyone who is in the shot will receive their own copy of the photos. The Family Café photo booth is open to all ages, from 1 to 99. Come and enjoy the fun.

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Family Café Photo Booth**, Orlando Ballroom



The BIG BIG DJ Show!



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DJ Dawg



DJ Tanner



It's time to dance! The BIG BIG DJ Show is coming to Family Cafe! This year will be the biggest Family Café dance party ever!



Get Ready!

Get ready to rock the house this weekend! More dances, more fun, more special guests! All of your favorite activities from past Family Café Saturday nights plus TWO GIANT VIDEO SCREENS!



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Get the people involved! Our DJ's have performed over 3000 shows at all 3 major Orlando theme parks. We get the crowd singing, dancing and laughing. Do a conga line, learn a new dance step, or just sit back and watch your favorite new music videos!



Sunday, June 8, 2014

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Orlando Ballroom



Zach Anner has cerebral palsy, but that has not stopped him from landing his dream job of becoming a comedian and television host. He came to national attention while competing on Oprah Winfrey's "Your Own Show, Oprah's Search for the Next T.V. Star." After winning the competition, he went on to host "Rollin' with Zach," which aired on the OWN network and received the Barbara Jordan Media Award for Entertainment in 2012. He then went on to start his own entertainment company and produced and hosted the Internet powered travel show, "Riding Shotgun with Zach Anner," and the upbeat comedic workout series, "Workout Wednesdays."

He has been featured in The New York Times, Time, Newsweek, Austin Monthly, and New Mobility and has been interviewed by dozens of national news organizations, including ABC, Fox News, and CNN's Human Factor.

He recently moved to Los Angeles where he is hosting a new series called "Have a Little Faith," in which he uses his humor and charm to explore lesser-known religions, presenting them from the point of view of true believers. Its second season is currently being released on Soul Pancake.

Join him as he tells the compelling story of his unusual career path, the development of his work ethic, and how he continues to break down barriers and attain success in the competitive business of entertainment.

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Orange Ballroom
Rubber Duck Race, Lazy River
Keynote Address, Orlando Ballroom
Closing and Door Prizes, Orlando Ballroom



Rubber Duck Race

Sunday, June 8 | Kickoff 9:30 a.m. | Lazy River

Quack... Quack... May the best rubber ducky win! Even ducks can participate in active leisure!! These ducks are fierce competitors. One could win you a big prize, and all help out the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association and Family Café.

Imagine not one duck, not a dozen ducks, but hundreds of them racing down the "lazy" river towards a finish line where you (and hundreds of other humans like you) cheer on your adopted duck hoping it will finish first and win you the Big Prize. Prizes include Gatorland passes, a giant floating duck, and more!

Here's how you can participate: During the Family Café, purchase your little rubber ducks (just like the one in your bathtub) at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association booth. FDOA will keep the ducks all together and you will be provided with your duck number. At 9:30 AM, the ducks will be placed in the river at the starting line and then float down the river to the finish line. If your duck is one of the winners, you will be one of the lucky recipients of an amazing prize. There are only 500 ducks, so don't miss your chance!!

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- **Archery and Fishing Simulator** provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- **Climbing Wall** provided by On the Edge Children's Foundation.
- **The Recreation Education Track** (Lake Virginia) will provide info on resources available to you!



Rubber Duck Race

Sunday, 9:30 AM on the Lazy River
Purchase your duck at the FDOA Booth!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!



For more information contact:
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The 7th Annual Youth Summit: A Conference for Youth and Emerging Leaders with Disabilities



As summer comes to an end, join The Florida Youth Council for one big last hurrah at **The 7th Annual Youth Summit** (AYS) on **August 1-2** in Orlando!

The Annual Youth Summit is a place for **young people with disabilities between the ages of 15 and 30** from communities across the state of Florida to come together to learn, share, and network. This two-day event is hosted by The Florida Youth Council, a group of youth and emerging leaders with disabilities who have a passion for encouraging leadership and advocacy among their peers. The FYC is all about youth empowerment and youth involvement, and the entire Annual Youth Summit is planned **by youth, for youth!**



The **7th Annual Youth Summit** will bring together over 200 youth and emerging leaders to attend engaging youth-only sessions on a wide variety of topics, including transition, workplace preparedness, and post-secondary schooling. We also have a great, youth-friendly keynote and fun social activities planned for The Summit, including

a dance party to cap off the festivities. There will be plenty of opportunities for attendees to network, and share their thoughts, experiences, and aspirations.

The 7th Annual Youth Summit will be held at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando **August 1-2, 2014**. If you are not requesting financial assistance please contact The Florida Hotel and Conference Center directly at 407-859-1500 to make reservations. The room rate is \$104 per night. Limited financial assistance is available. For more information about the event, or to register, contact The Florida Youth Council and The Family Café at 888-309-2233, or visit www.FloridaYouthCouncil.com.



Come to the Florida Youth Council booth in the Exhibit Hall and register for The 7th Annual Youth Summit.
We'll see you there!





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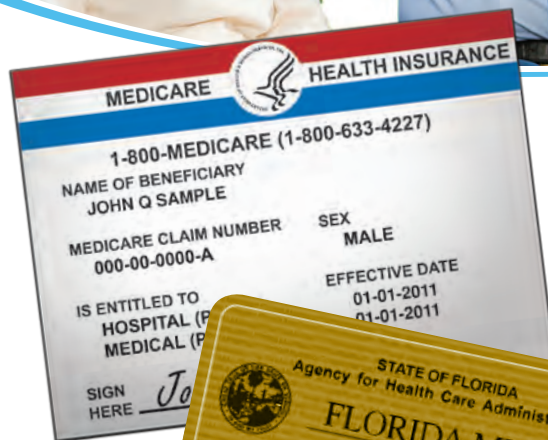
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